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RED ARMY IN FULL RETREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

THE REVIVAL OF VERY fierce fighting is reported in the vicinity of the Norwegian border; strong Finnish reinforcements are participating.

The correspondent of the newspaper "Arbeiders Bladet" reports that the Soviets are still retreating northward towards Petsamo under harassing fire from the Finns.

Another reason for the Russian retreat is the intense increasing cold following the snowstorms of the past days.—Havas.

RETREAT NOW A ROUT

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Russian retreat in the extreme north of Finland continues, state reports received here yesterday.

The Finns are cautiously consolidating their advance.

It appears that the whole of the Russian forces in this area began to retreat in an orderly manner, but later they retired in disordered flight, discarding their arms and equipment on the way.

RETREAT ABOUT 16 MILES.

They are already 20 to 30 kilometres from the positions they occupied on Wednesday, and they are evidently attempting to return to Kola, on the Murmansk railway, and not to Petsamo, at which port most of the Red forces landed.

The tactics employed by Marshal Mannerheim, the Finnish commander-in-chief and national hero, are meeting with success, it is stated.—Reuter.

350 PLANES UP

Helsinki, To-day.

"Over 350 Russian planes were over Finland yesterday but the results they achieved were very small," declared a Staff colonel, summing up Finland's position after three weeks of war.

Interviewed by Reuter, the colonel said enemy activity had taken place at every possible point on the whole frontier.

"In the Karelian Isthmus, which we consider one of the essential points to defend, we allowed the Russians to advance until the first lines were reached. These we are now holding.

DETERMINED BID

"The Russians made a determined bid to break this defence but were unsuccessful. They used over 1,000 tanks and they have already lost 250 of them.

"Experience has shown that the enemy forces are not particularly to be dreaded, and they have not achieved any important military success.

"Our special observation posts, manned by women, are doing an excellent job, and important information is received immediately.

"It has been confirmed that during the last three days we have shot down 25 planes.

SQUADRONS SPLIT

"Our defence succeeded in splitting the enemy squadrons into small groups, which resulted in bombs being dropped at odd places anywhere. Yesterday only nine civilians were killed and 10 wounded, including one soldier.

WARSHIP SEARCH FOR AIR LINER

London, To-day.

A British warship is leading the search for a British air liner carrying a crew of five and five passengers, which is overdue at Malta and is missing in the Mediterranean.

The machine left Alexandria on Thursday and made a schedule call at Sollum, about 300 miles west of Alexandria. It then took off for Malta.

The plane's last message was received by Malta wireless station at 10.30 p.m. (G.M.T.), since when there has been no trace of the machine, which gave out no distress signals.

All ships in the neighbourhood have been informed, and the Italian authorities are conducting a search along the Libyan coast.—Reuter.

D.S.O.'S FOR OFFICERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FIVE D.S.O.'S AWARDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE BETWEEN APRIL 3 AND JULY 30, WERE NOTIFIED IN THE GAZETTE LAST NIGHT.

The recipients are:—
Colonel W. H. O. Ramsden, 1st Hampshire;
Lieut.-Col. A. M. Ritchie, 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders;
Major A. K. Hamilton, 2nd Black Watch;
Major H. G. Veasey, 2nd East Surreys; and
Major Maxwell Elington, the Border Regiment.—Reuter.

HEINKEL SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.

British fighters who attacked German Heinkel bombers in the Firth of Forth yesterday report that apparently one Heinkel sustained a direct hit.

The Nazi plane was emitting black smoke and then dived into the clouds. A splash of foam was seen below the place of combat.—Reuter.

THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE "CHINA MAIL" ON MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

DOG-FIGHT OVER THE MAGINOT LINE

London, To-day.

A "dog fight" between three R.A.F. fighters and four Messerschmidts occurred yesterday afternoon near the Maginot Line in eastern France.

The British aircraft claim to have shot down two of the enemy planes, but darkness fell before they could be located.

Two British planes, Hurricane fighters, were brought down. The pilots were killed.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry announcement in connexion with the air fight over the Maginot Line states that four Messerschmidts dived out of the clouds and attacked three British fighter patrol planes.

Two of our patrol and one Messerschmidt were shot down. A second Messerschmidt was driven down but not seen to crash.—Reuter.

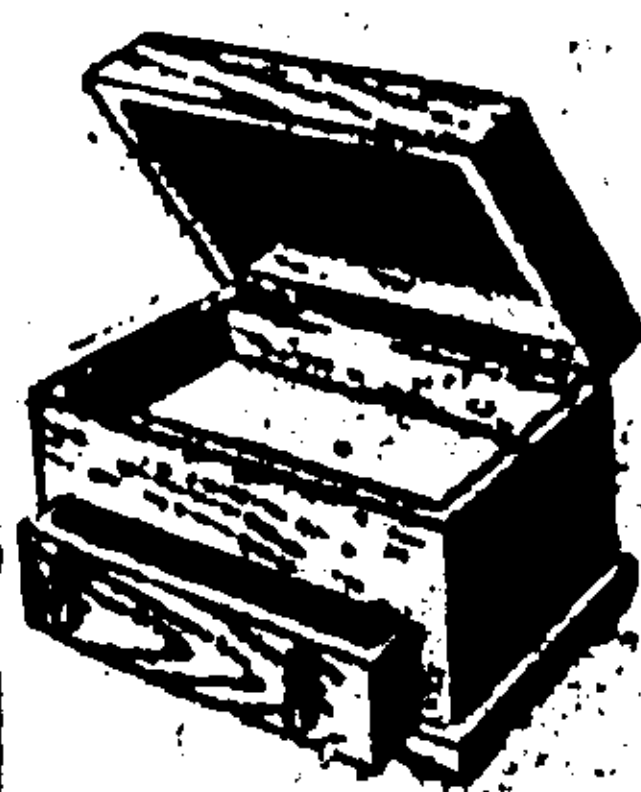
"STRONG ACTIVITY IN THE AIR"

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated: "On the whole it was a quiet day along the land front. There was fairly strong activity in the air on both sides."—Reuter.

are claimed at any point. A new Soviet decree imposes sentences of 10 years' imprisonment on violators of the black-out rules in Leningrad and the neighbouring districts.—Reuter.

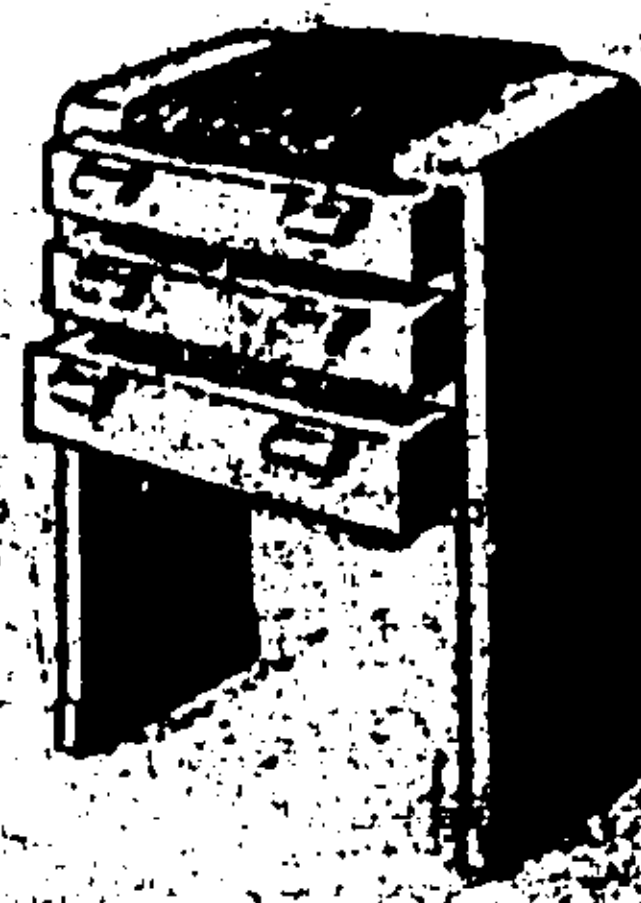
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X-RAY EYES BOY FORETOLD DEATH

London, Dec. 12.
Royal Lindsay, the sixteen-year-old boy who appeared on the stage in a mind-reading act as "Marco, the Boy With the X-Ray Eyes," foretold his own death.

His father, Mr. Duncan Lindsay, "escapologist and stock-whip manipulator," said:—

"We were at Worcester when Roy died. Our next booking was at Hull.

"Two days before his death, when he seemed as well and strong as ever, he said to me, 'I shall not get to Hull.' 'I didn't know what he meant, but I didn't question him. He was psychic, you know, and he had these intuitions. He was always right.'"

Mr. Lindsay talked in his flat in Ashmill-street, N.W., and he told how he announced his son's death to the audience at the Theatre Royal, Worcester. He said:—

"We found him dead in the bathroom at our lodgings two hours before the show. I just had time to wait and hear a doctor say that his death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage, and then I had to hurry to the theatre.

UNABLE TO THINK

"I stood in the wings waiting until the rest of the show was over. Then I walked on, but I couldn't think what to say.

"Automatically I started as I always did—'Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege and pleasure to present Marco, the boy with the X-ray eyes.'"

"Then I heard myself saying: 'But unfortunately he is only here in spirit. He died this afternoon.'"

"I can't remember clearly what happened after that. . . ."

Mr. Lindsay said he discovered that Roy had psychic powers when he talked in his sleep about events that happened afterwards.

"When he was fourteen he started touring with me in the mind-reading act. He used to have a pound of

dough tied over his eyes with bandages, and while a committee watched him on the stage he told members of the audience about themselves and read cards and letters they had in their pockets.

"There was no fake about our act. I used to look at the objects and he really did read my mind. We used no codes or tricks."

LONDON'S BEARDED POLICEMAN

London, Dec. 11.

"Comrade" Stanley Grimm, Russian artist, direct descendant of the fairy tale Grimm, was a prisoner of the Bolsheviks. They condemned him to paint revolutionary posters in flaming red.

That was twenty-one years ago.

Society painter Stanley Grimm, sought out among West End artists, painted full-length portraits of Mrs. Anthony Eden and Sir John Lavery.

That was four years ago.

P. C. Grimm, grey-haired, stern-looking, was on traffic duty in High-street, Kensington, W.

That was yesterday.

He is the only bearded policeman in London.

P. C. Grimm is forty-eight. He speaks five languages. He enrolled as a special constable in 1928 and became a full-time paid officer on the outbreak of war.

He married Masha Oulpe, a beautiful Russian artist, at one time a prominent figure in Petrograd society.

During the last war P. C. Grimm was interned at Ruhleben.

To-day his two sons are in the British Army.

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THREE NEUTRAL VESSELS DESTROYED BY MINES

London, To-day.
THREE MORE NEUTRAL SHIPS have been hit by mines, two of them off the coast of Holland.
The first is the Italian steamer Comitass, of 3,600 tons, which was bound for Antwerp. The ship is badly damaged; the crew and passengers have arrived in Flushing.

The second ship is the Swedish s.s. Vega, which, after hitting a mine, has gone ashore near Terschelling. Her crew of 27, six of whom are injured, have been landed.

The third vessel is the Danish vessel Bogoe. Several of her crew were rescued by the British trawler River Avon, which itself was shortly afterwards attacked and sunk by a U-boat. Twelve have been landed in Norway. — Reuter.

***The Comitass, which is listed at Lloyd's as 5,245 tons gross, is a steam-turbine vessel owned by the Mare Nostrum Soc. Anon. di Nav., and was built in 1919. Registered at Genoa, she was 377 feet long.

The Vega, 1,073 tons, was built in 1913 and is owned by the Stockholms Rederiaktieh. Svea. Registered at Stockholm, she was 226 feet long.

The Bogoe, of 1,214 tons, was built in 1920 and was owned by the D/S Baltic. She was 240 feet long and registered at Copenhagen.

BERLIN'S TRADE WITH RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.
The German trade delegation, which has been in Rumania since November 13, left for Berlin to-day after signing a new agreement.

The exchange value of the lei will only be dropped from 41 to 49½, instead of the 60 the Germans wanted.

Under the agreement, Rumania will increase her exports of oil to the Reich to 138,000 tons a month and make up part of some previous orders. This represents about a quarter of Rumania's oil exports.

Germany will take over Rumanian contracts with Czech armament firms — Reuter.

MOVING SCENES AT FUNERAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Buenos Aires, To-day.

The last fusillade over the grave of Captain Hans Langsdorp was fired by a detachment of Argentinian marines. The funeral, which was in the German Cemetery, provided a moving scene. It was attended by Argentinian naval officers and the entire crew of the Graf Spee, some of whom wept. — Havas.

CANADIAN C. IN C. AT PALACE

London, To-day.
Major-General Andrew Macnaghten, the Canadian Commander-in-Chief, was received in audience at Buckingham Palace by His Majesty the King yesterday.
The King also received Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the T.U.C.—Reuter.

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MAGINOT LINE EXTENDED ALONG THE SWISS BORDER: M. DALADIER ON MEASURES

Paris, To-day.
FRENCH FORTIFICATIONS on the Western Front have been extended not only to the north, but also on the Jura front, along the Swiss border, M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, told the Chamber of Deputies yesterday during the course of a debate on the war budget.

Not only had the fortifications been lengthened, he went on, but in areas where the French Army was not fighting it was at work constructing second and third lines of defence.

He gave no reason for the extension, but said that "a people is strong enough to resist invasion and diplomatic action when it has an armour behind which it can fight." The extensions were necessary not only to protect their territory but for the conduct of the war.

Discussing the war effort, he said that France's war material—and especially her aeroplanes (cheers)—had proved to be of very high quality.

Comparing the position with that in 1914, M. Daladier said that by December that year, France had lost 450,000 men killed and 10 departments had been occupied by the enemy. To-day, French casualties to the end of last month were 1,136 killed in the army; 260 killed in the navy; and 42 killed in the air force.

POLAND'S FATE

Emphasizing the importance of the fortifications, he compared the fate of Poland and Finland, where similar operations had been attended by very different results.

Poland, with no large defence lines, had been over-run in a few weeks. Finland is still strongly entrenched behind her armoured lines on the frontier. But it was not enough to applaud Finland's heroism; France had done much towards aiding Finland in no half-hearted manner "and shall continue to do so."—Reuter.

FRANCE'S DUTY

Paris, To-day.
The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, in the Chamber of Deputies declared yesterday that the resistance of Finland had already lasted longer than that of Poland (loud cheers).

"It is not enough to applaud this heroism," M. Daladier continued. "One must help it."

"From the evening the League of Nations uttered its condemnation we have carried out our entire duty in no half-hearted manner and we shall continue to do it." (Loud cheers from all parts of the Chamber).

He added: "The Government is opposed to premature offensives in the war, and is conducting it methodically and logically."—Reuter.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR REPORT DENIED

Shanghai, To-day.
It is reported that the British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, will not visit Chungking before the end of this year as was rumoured yesterday.

It is, however, understood, that a representative of the British Embassy, will shortly leave for China's war-time capital to confer with Chinese officials.—Our Own Correspondent.

HUGE NAVAL DOCKS IN HAWAII

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
The Government has placed an order for the construction of two huge docks at Pearl Harbour, the U.S. Naval base in Hawaii, capable of receiving the largest warships including 40,000-tonners.

Work is starting shortly with the view of completing the docks within three years. The total cost is estimated at over \$6,000,000.—Havas.

NEPAL PREMIER VISITING INDIA

Calcutta, To-day.
The Prime Minister of Nepal arrived in Calcutta yesterday.

He is the official guest of the Government of India.

He is accompanied by high officials from Nepal, and semi-official circles say that this visit is further proof of the close friendship existing between Nepal and the governments of Great Britain and India.—Reuter.

WARTIME ECONOMIC RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
It is learned in well-informed circles that Belgium, France and Britain have reached agreement in principle regulating the war-time commercial relations of the three states.

Complete agreement will be reached during forthcoming negotiations in Paris, London and Brussels.—Havas.

NEW NAZI LABOUR DECREES

London, To-day.
"This is the most hopeful sign to come out of Germany since war began," says "The Times," in a comment on the new German labour decrees.

It is a sign of retreat on the part of the Nazi regime, says the paper. There can be little doubt that during November there was considerable discontent among German workers over wages and labour conditions.

The German worker, says "The Times," is not prepared to sacrifice in the first few months of the war the results of 30 years of political and social agitation.—Reuter.

FINLAND NORTH'S OUTPOST AGAINST BARBARISM

London, To-day.
THE POSITION OF FINLAND and the effects on other countries of the Soviet campaign was discussed in the British press yesterday.

The "Manchester Guardian" develops the interesting thesis that even if the far north of Finland is over-run by the Soviets, the main defences of Finland would be strengthened, not weakened.

The Finns would then be able to concentrate behind a short line in the north and along the line to Lake Ladoga. It would be similar to what would be the position in England if Scotland and northern England were abandoned above a line running between Liverpool and Hull and if England had formidable defences running down the coast from Hull to London.

The burden of helping Finland rests on all those who have publicly condemned the predatory tactics of Soviet Russia, and in particular on Scandinavia.

The "Daily Telegraph" takes the same view, and says that Finland is civilisation's outpost against barbarism. If she falls to Russia, all Scandinavia will be threatened by a form of slavery.—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, Friday, 22nd December, 1939.

RESIGNATION OF COMMISSION

Extract from Government Gazette No. 80 of the 15.12.39.
"1172—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that Lieutenant FREDERICK WHITE THOMSON ROSS be allowed to resign his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, 8th December, 1939."

RIFLES & BAYONETS

Unit Commanders will ensure that all Rifles and Bayonets are returned to Stores before 30.12.39 for the Annual Stock Taking Board.

PARADES

1ST BATTERY

Wednesday, 27th December, Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. D.R.F. Dress—Overalls and caps.

Friday, 29th December. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Gun drill for recruits and D.R.F. for those detailed. Dress—Overalls, caps and gun platform shoes.

5TH BATTERY

Wednesday, 27th December, Queen's Pier. 5.00 p.m. No. 1 Section.
Thursday, 28th December, Queen's Pier. 5.00 p.m. No. 1 Section.

NO. 3 COMPANY

Sunday 31st December. Musketry at Peak Range is cancelled.
The next parade will be on Thursday, 4th Jan. See Company circular for details.

NO. 4 COMPANY

Friday, 29th December. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Company lecture—Anti-gas measures.

FIELD AMBULANCE

Wednesday, 27th December. Murray Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Uniform as per last Wednesday.

Friday, 29th December, 5.30 p.m. Company parade separately at St. Paul's College for lecture.

REMAINING UNITS

There will be no parades until 1940.

APPOINTMENT

2384, Pte. K. H. Lim, No. 3 Coy. L/Cpl. 22.12.39.

2554, Pte. M. S. Lau, No. 3 Coy. L/Cpl. 22.12.39.

3526, Pte. E. Hing, No. 3 Coy. L/Cpl. 22.12.39.

3070, L/Bdr. Y. K. Tam, 4th Bty. Gnr. 22.12.39.

TRANSFER

3388, Sgt. F. L. Thomas, 3rd Bty. Unit Res. 22.12.39.

LEAVE

2518, Bdr. A. M. Abbas, 4th Bty. 1.6.39—31.12.39.

1081, A. L/C. R. M. Pearce, M. M. G. Pl. 11.8.39—10.3.40.

3322, Sgt. G. Castle, Pay Sec. 4.11.39—20.8.40.

DR17, Pte. R. Woodcraft, No. 1 Coy. 8.11.39—3.12.39.

Capt. F. J. W. Focken, H. Q. 18.12.39—17.2.40.

3541, Pte. W. A. H. Duff, No. 1 Coy. 18.12.39—1.3.40.

DR62, Pte. W. H. S. Davis, No. 1 Coy. 20.12.39—19.1.40.

Lt. J. Robinson, 5th A. A. Bty. 27.12.39—10.1.40.

3661, Gnr. G. H. Gompertz, 1st Bty. 4.1.40—4.2.40.

3388, Sgt. F. L. Thomas, 3rd Bty. Res. 22.12.39—21.12.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

3897, Pte. C. R. Smirke, No. 3 Coy. 19.10.39.

3345, Pte. J. H. McCoan Thornhill, No. 1 Coy. 27.10.39.

3460, Pte. J. H. Xavier, No. 6 Coy. 22.12.39.

1508, Sgm. J. Dobson, Corps Sigs. 8.12.39.

3340, Pte. K. C. Hung, No. 7 Coy. 22.12.39.

3342, Pte. K. K. Cheng, No. 7 Coy. 22.12.39.

3343, Pte. H. K. Yu, No. 7 Coy. 22.12.39.

3399, Pte. M. L. Tsang, No. 7 Coy. 22.12.39.

3415, Pte. J. Lim, No. 7 Coy. 22.12.39.

3455, Pte. K. C. Chan, No. 7 Coy. 22.12.39.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

4239, Gnr. A. Ho, 5th A. A. Bty. 30.10.39.

4240, Gnr. L. K. Kwok, 3rd Bty. 9.11.39.

4241, Pte. K. S. Chai, Fd. Ambulance 15.12.39.

4242, Pte. J. W. K. To, Fd. Ambulance 15.12.39.

4243, Pte. H. Kew, M. M. G. Pl. 18.12.39.

4244, Gnr. G. A. L. Plummer, 5th A. A. Bty. 18.12.39.

E. H. THURSBY Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Commandant takes great pleasure in publishing the following message received from H. E. the G.O.C.—

"Will you please convey to all ranks of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps my best wishes for Christmas and all good luck in 1940."

At no time in its history has the Corps been so strong and so efficient, and I am very pleased with the result of the keenness displayed and the hard work done by all ranks during the last year."

LOST

One blue double-breasted coat at the entrance to the Canteen, Headquarters, H.K.V.D.C. Finder return to Adjutant.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

LECTURE

The next lecture in First Aid will be on Friday, 29th December in the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

PRACTICAL BANDAGING

CLASSES

The will be no Bandaging Classes on Monday, 25th December and Monday 1st January, 1940.

ATTACHMENT

The following members were attached to the Military Hospital Hong Kong for training during the periods shown:—

Miss I. Buchanan—4.12.39—9.12.39.

Mrs. V. Simon White—11.12.39—18.12.39.

Miss A. Fisher—4.12.39—9.12.39.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Commandant and Assistant Commandant wish the members of the Nursing Detachment a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Sgt. I. M. S. BRAUDE,

Asst. Commandant,

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

PARISH NEWS IS CENSORED

Parcels of parish magazines are to be sent to the London headquarters of the Ministry of Information — to be censored.

Regional branches of the Ministry were busy collecting current copies of Church journals and compiling a list of editors, publishers, vicars and contributors.

A few days ago every parson in England received a circular letter from the Ministry pointing out that parish magazines might possibly be sources of "valuable information," and that "it is known that such publications are carefully scrutinised by enemy agents."

From the Midland regions alone almost fifteen hundred magazines will be submitted to the Ministry.

"THIS FUTILITY"

At least one voice has been raised in protest.

The Rev. F. E. Shepherd, of Birchfields, Birmingham, asked: "Is there to be no end to the futility of this Ministry of Information?"

"This reminds me of the last war,

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when the Censor dealt harshly with a war correspondent's dispatch because it quoted lines from Kipling's famous 'Recessional'—the captains and kings departing."

"It is difficult to take it seriously that these harmless magazines are 'carefully scrutinised by enemy agents.'"

A Birmingham official of the Ministry said: "Magazines, one from each parish, will be sent to London. What will happen to them there I don't know."

DRAKE WILL SERVE AGAIN

A water supply system introduced at Plymouth 350 years ago, and which has been in disuse for many years, is to be prepared for use again in an emergency.

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NAZI EXPRESS DISASTER

Saar Train Runs At Full Speed Into Second

GERMANS SUFFERING FROM OVERWORK

Berlin, To-day.
Thousands of Germans suffering from overwork are to be given three weeks' holiday next year and those whose holidays were cancelled last September may have them restored.

This is part of the general modification of the war labour programme, and was announced yesterday.

The new decrees, which come into effect on January 1, recognise in principle the 8-hour day, and state that even in the "vital industries" it must not exceed 12

R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST

London, To-day.
A further Air Ministry casualty list issued yesterday records the names of 40 officers and men killed in action or missing, seven died on active service and one wounded.

The list includes a Far Eastern man in the person of Pilot-Officer M. E. G. Maller, who was killed.

Pilot-Officer Maller was born in Malaya. His father lives at Usa River, Tanganyika.—Reuter.

hours.
Women and boys must not work at night, and payment for overtime is restored.—Reuter.

EIGHTH SEVERE SMASH SINCE THE WAR

Berlin, To-day.

AT LEAST 70 WERE KILLED and about 100 injured when the Berlin-Nuenkirchen express crashed into the Berlin-Cologne express at a station some fifty miles to the south-west of Berlin.

The engine and six coaches of the first train and four coaches of the second were derailed.

Both trains were packed with Christmas holiday passengers.

Doctors, nurses and medical supplies were rushed and an enquiry was quickly opened into the cause of the disaster.—Reuter.

Haven says that the Cologne express had come to a halt which was not scheduled and that the Saar express ran into it when travelling at full speed.

EIGHTH BAD SMASH

London, To-day.

The tragic train smash early yesterday morning between Berlin and Brandenburg is the eighth railway accident in Germany since the beginning of November.

It is calculated that 210 persons have now been killed and 257 injured on the German railway system since the war began.

This succession of serious accidents emphasises the important part played by railway stock in the prosecution of war, particularly in the case of a belligerent dependent almost exclusively upon land transport.

STRAIN ON LINES

Even in Britain considerable strain is placed on the railways in wartime, as witness the fact that 1,500 special trains left London for the evacuation areas in less than 36 hours, also the official statement published yesterday saying that 5,500 special trains were run on British railways for the conveyance of troops and munitions during the first three months of war, and 50,000 specially built railway wagons are in service for the consignment of exceptional weight and dimensions, such as large guns and armour plate.

The British railway system, however, is operating smoothly, and to ensure adequate facilities for the future, the Ministry of Supply recently placed a contract for 10,000 20-ton covered goods-wagons.

GERMAN LINES OVERWORKED

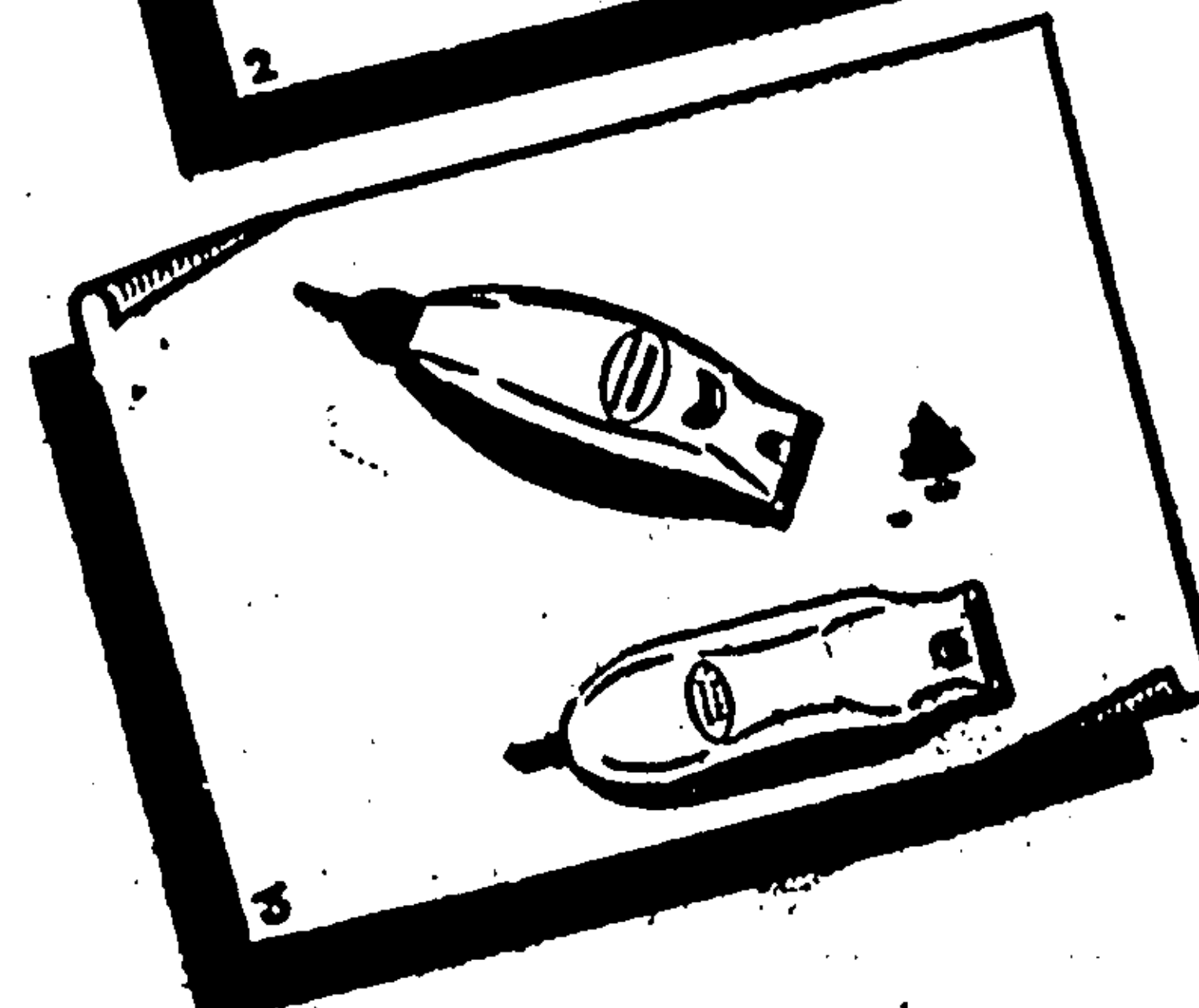
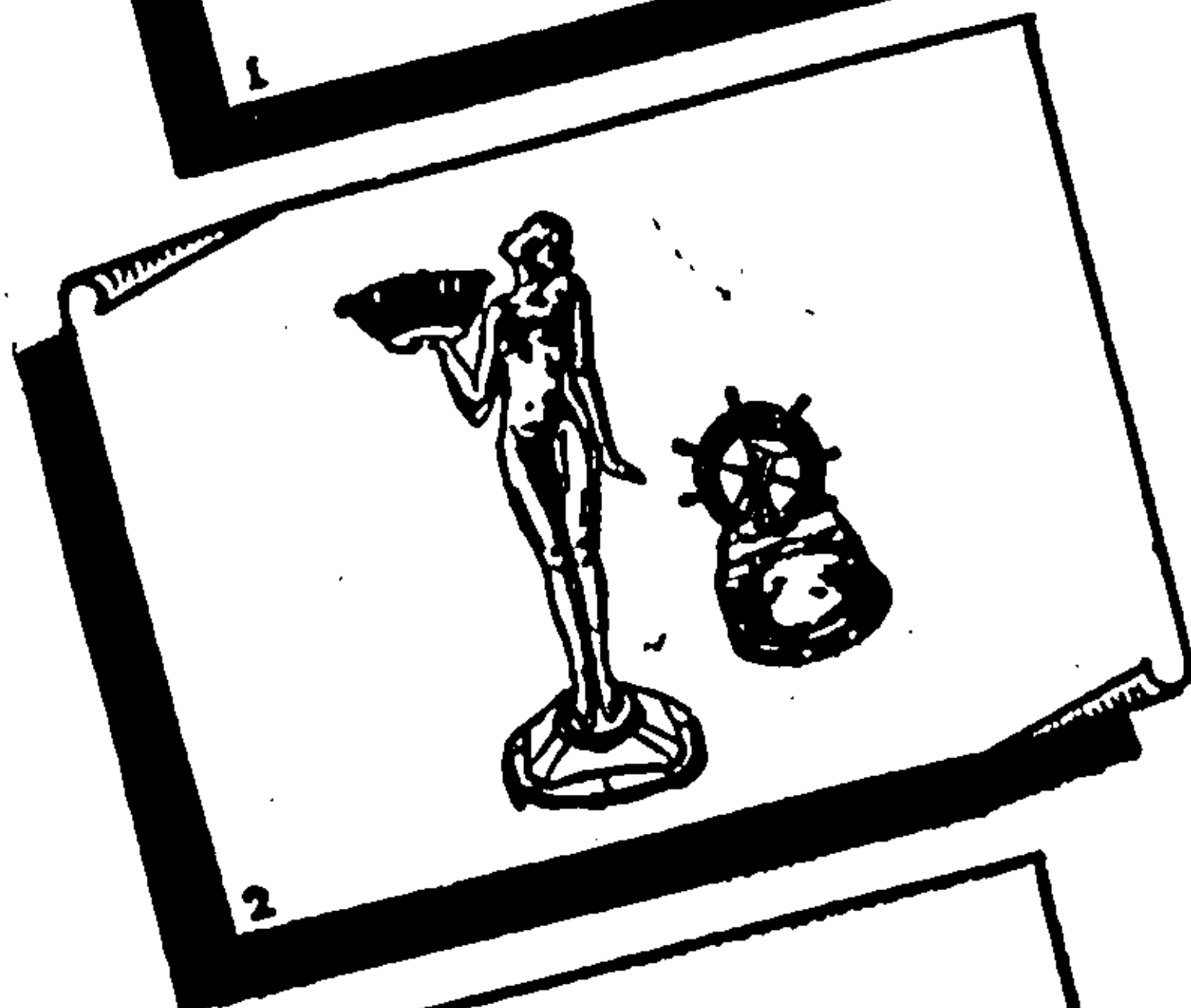
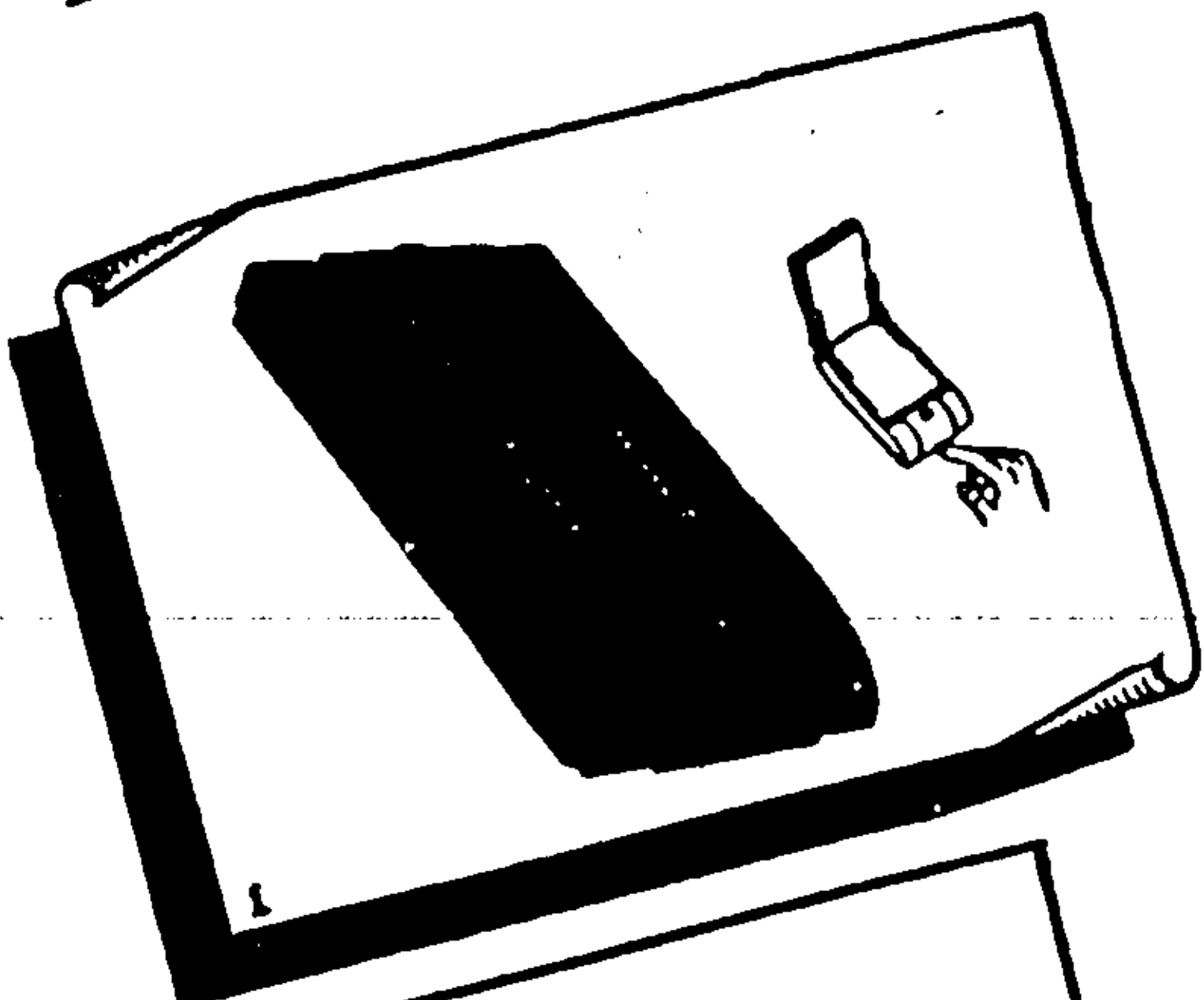
The German railways, as the accidents indicate, are in a less fortunate position, much of the track and rolling stock being in an antiquated condition, and also owing to the diminution of personnel and over time by the remaining staff, many of whom are reliably reported to be working an average of over 12 hours a day.

Further difficulties are caused in Germany by the position of goods-wagons, the grave shortage of which is common knowledge in all countries bordering on Germany.—Reuter.

NEW TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS

New Delhi, To-day.

Five new Territorial battalions are to be formed in India, two in the Punjab and one each in Delhi, Bombay and Madras.—Reuter.



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NAVAL OFFICERS DECORATED

London, To-day.
Deeds of heroism carried out by officers and men of the Royal Navy are acknowledged in the announcement of a large number of decorations.

The awards occupy a whole supplement to the London Gazette, which indicates that further honours, decorations and awards will be contained in the New Year's Honours.

Special mention is made of the gallantry of Commander Richard Frank Jolly, who was mortally wounded during an attack by German airmen and brought his ship Mohawk into port.

Commander Jolly died five hours later, and the award of the Military Medal of the Order of the British Empire was made posthumously.

Recognition is also given to the work of officers who, at the risk of their lives, have been engaged in stripping mines.

Many awards follow successful actions against submarines.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLE OVER THE NORTH SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.
A fierce air battle occurred in the North Sea west of Karmøy, on the Norwegian coast, where machine-gunning was heard.

Apparently the engagement involved two large squadrons, since onlookers first saw a number of planes heading north and then observed at least 50 planes flying south at full speed.

The battle occurred well away from Norwegian territorial waters.—Havas.

COMPLETE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR TROOPS IN FRANCE

London, To-day.
CHRISTMAS WHEREVER possible will be a complete holiday, cables Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force from behind the lines in France.
Exception will be for those on guard duties, who will be compensated.

Farms and barns have been decorated, and Tommy is preparing to make France the next thing to home.

The canteens have already been supplied with nearly 26,000 lbs. of pork, 24,000 lbs. of turkey, 100,000 lbs. of pudding and immense quantities of fruit and nuts.

Individual battalions have also made their own plans.

Some have been fattening their own pigs on the basis of one animal per company, and are also providing free beer and cigarettes.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, To-day.

NAVAL EXPERTS IN GREAT Britain are inclined to regard as "something of a tall story" the report that the American naval sub-committee has asked the American Navy Department to submit estimates for battleships of 65,000 tons.

British naval reaction to the report is "by all means have battleships, but smaller not larger."

It is pointed out on high authority that this war has proved more than anything else the need for smaller battleships.

One of the biggest defects in the German pocket-battleships is that they are too heavily gunned for their displacement.

Germany's naval architects experimented for a long time, cramming many more guns into a given displacement than is practicable, and which has so far been shown to be by no means successful. British naval experts regard it as a mistake to have more than three or four gun turrets, and support this theory by the fact that in the case of the Graf Spee one shell "knocked out the whole outfit."

COST PROHIBITIVE

Apart from these considerations the cost of building such gigantic ships would be almost prohibitive.

The estimated cost of building British warships is £219 per ton, whereas in America the price goes up to something like £400 per ton, so to construct battleships of 80,000 tons would cost £32,000,000.

The idea that America contemplates jumping from 40,000 tons to 65,000 or 80,000 at one fell stroke, is regarded as most unlikely.

It is all very well, say the experts, to tell the Americans they should "forget the Canal," but this is hardly possible.

NELSON IN CANAL

When H.M.S. Nelson passed through the Panama Canal she was only 18

inches clear and got through with the greatest difficulty.

The idea emanating from America for the construction of such colossal warships can hardly be taken seriously.—Reuter.

POPE TO RETURN ROYAL VISIT

Rome, To-day.

The Pope will proceed to the Quirinal on December 28 to return the visit by the King and Queen to the Vatican.—Reuter.

SEVERE BOMBINGS IN KWANGSI

Kweilin, To-day.

Kweilin, provincial capital of Kwangsi, and Liuchow, important town southwest of Kweilin, both spent nervous yesterday as a result of Japanese mass air bombings.

Over Liuchow, a fierce air battle took place between nine Japanese machines and a Chinese pursuit squadron. An enemy plane was shot down. It crashed in flames at a village near Laiping, south of Liuchow. The crew were all killed.

Kweilin was attacked twice by over 20 machines. Over 100 missiles were dumped in the west and south suburbs. Chinese anti-aircraft batteries thundered at the raiders keeping them at a high altitude.

Henghsien, on the Wat River in south Kwangsi near the Kwangtung border, was also bombed by Japanese raiders yesterday.

Japanese aircraft were also active over Kwangtung and Hunan yesterday, according to reports reaching here.

Lokchong, in north Kwangtung, and Chenhsien and Hengyang in Hunan were attacked.

On Thursday, it is reported, eight Japanese planes attacked Shawan near Kwangchowwan, dropping seven bombs. Szesetow nearby was also bombed.—Central News.



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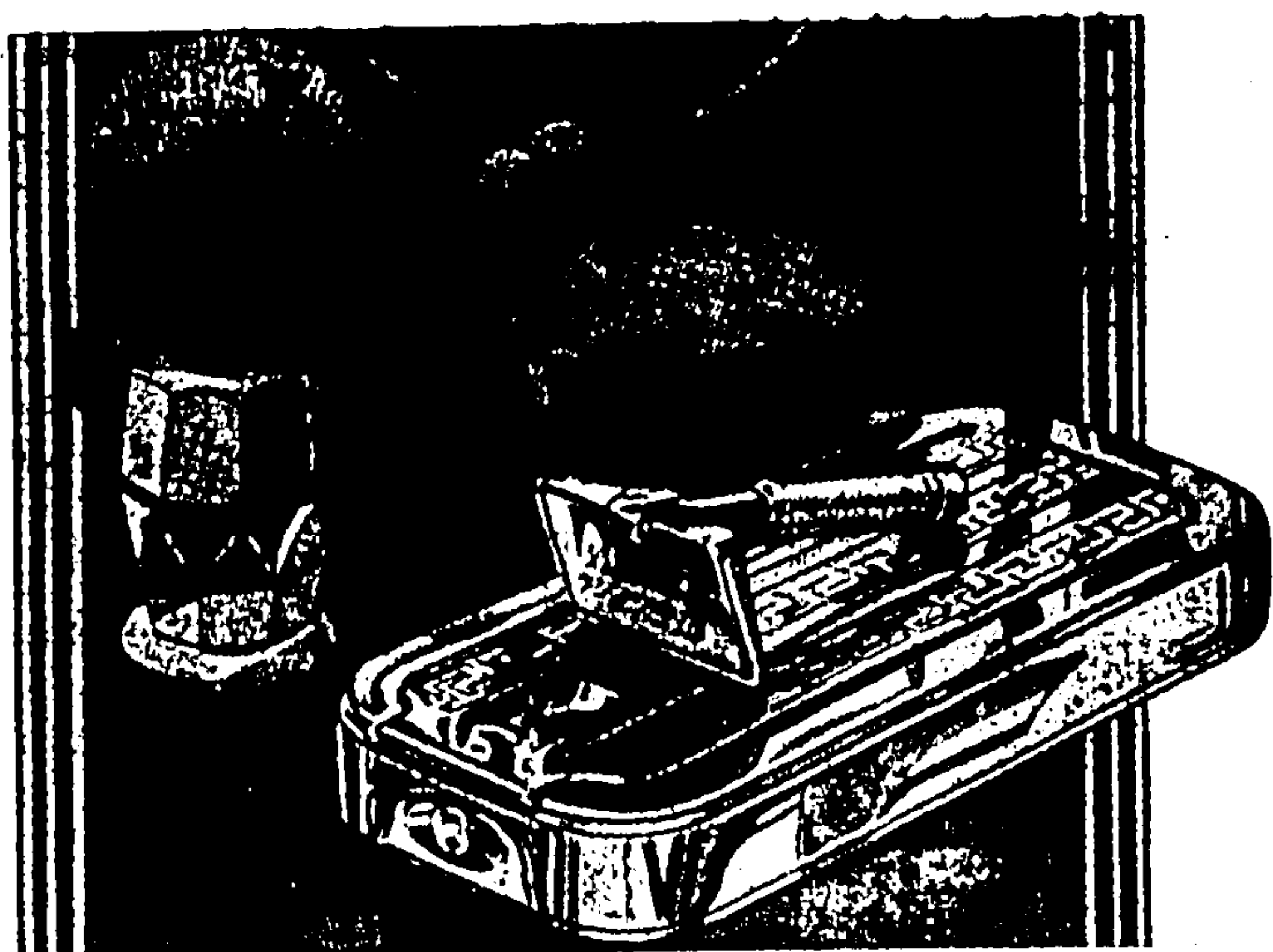
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Men able to get leave to go to Paris will find at least 18 theatres, 15 music halls and 19 cabarets open, with such stars as Maurice Chevalier appearing.—Reuter.

KING FAROUKH'S PRESENT

London, To-day.

King Farouk of Egypt has given £1,000 to buy comforts for British and Egyptian troops stationed in Egypt.—Reuter.



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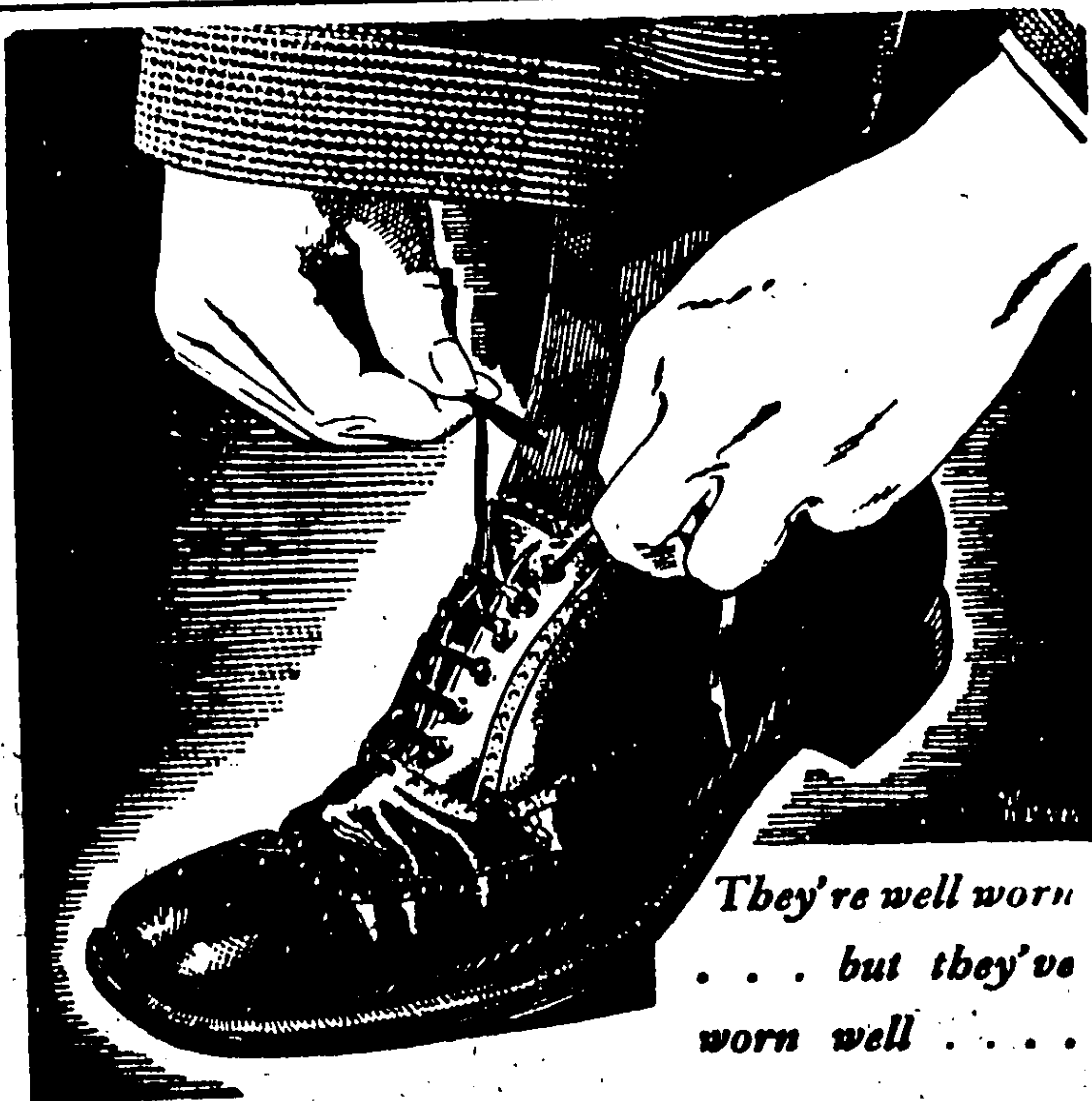
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

PEACE AIMS

Mr. J. A. Spender, well-known publicist, upholds in the "Sunday Times," the Government stand against any attempt to persuade it to adopt a plethora of worthy peace aims voiced daily from the platform and in the press. Writing of letters from Americans on this subject Mr. Spender says: "I have replied to them that while we do not at all presume to advise them about their policy, these aims must necessarily differ accordingly as the United States are or are not disposed to co-operate in keeping world peace at the end of the war. For us to launch out into schemes which required their co-operation, without the certainty of it, would be to repeat one of the principal mistakes of 1919; but on the other hand there are obvious limitations to all schemes that are confined to Europe."

JAPAN'S PROTEST

Japan threatens counter-measures in the event of serious interference by the Allies with Japanese imports from Germany. It is hard to see how a distinction can be drawn between the Far Eastern neutral and other Powers affected by the application of the British and French decision to seize enemy exports. The Allies have been compelled to take this step as a reprisal for German breaches of international law. The argument that two wrongs do not make a right cannot be pushed too far in a desperate struggle. Sir John Simon has said that if the Allies could not achieve ultimate victory, life would not be worth living. There must be a counter-blow to the Nazi frightfulness, from which Japan has herself suffered already by the loss of a valuable merchant ship. If the results of this retaliation are to be a more effective blockade of Germany, the hastening of an internal upheaval in that country, and so an earlier end to hostilities, the neutrals should not complain against the restriction of their commerce. A war that lasts for several years is likely to cause them equal or greater hardship.—"Ceylon Observer."

SOMEWHERE ELSE FIRST

Present indications are that the Philippines will be brought directly and immediately into the manoeuvring related to the termination of the American-Japanese treaty navigation and commerce to no greater degree than is absolutely necessary. Most probably question of effects on Philippine-Japanese trade will be raised officially to the smallest possible degree, and so far as the Philippines is concerned matters will be allowed to carry on until and unless there is reason to force the issue.

This theory fits in with the general belief that the present stage is largely one of jockeying for position and that the diplomatic battle is not to be fought on all fronts at once, at least not in the early stages.

The Washington policy has consistently followed the line of involving the Philippines to no greater degree than is absolutely necessary in the whole tangle growing out of the Far Eastern war and general international chaos. Present indications are that this policy will be followed in connection with the trade treaty situation.

In a general way that policy is calculated to meet with approval in the

Philippines, although in any crisis the Philippines would expect as strong a stand in support of the American flag as is taken anywhere else the flag flies. For that reason it is clear that the Philippines could come actively into the picture at most any time if the diplomatic strategists should find the going unexpectedly hard.—"Manila Bulletin."

INITIATIVE

Millions of watchers, here and amongst neutrals, small or big, ask themselves why we can never take the initiative; or, at any rate, prevent or paralyse in time those strokes that add to the lengthening list of Hitler's victims — all of whom, as a matter of course, are to be redeemed by us when this war is over.

We wait and see. After waiting we do not often see signs that it is any use being warned. Somebody else is run over; that is all. Another corpse on the road.

Our rulers have tried to cheer us by referring to the tedium of the siege, the boredom of waiting and seeing. But with the tedium mingles anxiety—or exasperation.

We do not strike. We wait for Hitler to strike. It may be prudent. It may be sound strategy. We dare not pronounce on that dispute. But certain it is that no siege was ever broken without an effort to sally on the part of the beleaguered garrison.

That is why we rejoice that, amongst our rulers, we have at least one "war mind"—one who realises that we cannot win by waiting for ever.

We have the eminently "dynamic" mind of Mr. Churchill. And there may be others — behind the scenes.—"Daily Mirror."

FINLAND FIGHTS ON

After a fortnight's fighting Finland has proved that she is well able to put up a stiff resistance to the Soviet invasion, and though by sheer weight of numbers the Red armies appear to have made some sort of advance into Finland, they have not yet made sufficient headway to bring them into general contact with the Finnish Mannerheim line. In the Karelian peninsula the Russians have been held up successfully, and whatever progress they may have made towards Viborg has proved to be small. In the lake area little or no advance has been achieved, while further north, about the middle of Finland's eastern boundary the Soviet high command has made a determined push westwards in the hope of dividing Finland in two, but has met with a resistance which holds the invading force at Suomusalmi about twenty miles inside the Finnish border, and about 110 miles from Uleaborg near

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

This ought to become a classic story of the outbreak of war:

The scene was the officers' mess of a defence unit somewhere in England, the time Sunday, September 3.

Mr. Chamberlain's last words had been heard on the radio, and there was a tense silence.

It was broken by the C.O.: "In future," he said, "in reports of crimes, the description of the offence should be followed with the words 'while on active service.'"

the top of the Gulf of Bothnia which appears to be the Russian objective, and the reaching of which would mean the cutting off of southern Finland from Sweden. Fighting is also proceeding north of Suomusalmi, at Kuolajarvi and of course around Petsamo, which even now the Soviet forces have failed to reduce. It is true that the Russians have occupied the islands which M. Stalin desires in the Gulf of Finland; but it was no part of the Finnish command's scheme to dissipate its forces in an endeavour to protect them, for there is still much serious fighting to be done on the mainland, where, before hostilities are concluded, every man will be needed.—"N. C. D. News"

DOG SENTRY SAVED POST FROM CAPTURE TAUGHT TO HATE FRENCH UNIFORM

Paris, November 27.

GERMAN PATROLS WHO have been active on the Western Front are making extensive use of highly trained wolfhounds as watch-dogs and messengers.

"We have had to kill numbers of these animals, as they are very fierce and have been taught to hate our uniforms," a French infantry officer said.

"But when we can we lasso them and send them back as prisoners. They make desperate efforts to escape to the German lines.

"I once found six chained up in an isolated house.

"Information carried by these dogs has often brought down sudden artillery bombardment on part of the French lines which has been observed by German patrols from the neighbouring woods."

A young bearded officer, in the blue breeches and tunic with yellow piping worn by French rifle units, told how a dog had ruined his chance of success in a night raid three days ago.

TO GET PRISONERS

"We went out to get behind a German advance post and bring back a couple of prisoners," he said. "We had only a mile to go, and the way was quite easy, though it was very dark.

"We get into position behind the German trench and began to climb the hill towards it. We were not carrying rifles, only bombs, bayonets stuck through our belts, and revolvers.

"We found the first belt of wire where we expected it, and began to cut through it silently. I thought all was going well when I heard a shuffle in front and a huge dog bounded forward, barking like anything.

"In a second Verey lights were going up, and a machine-gun began firing, fortunately, at first, in the wrong direction.

OBEYED WHISTLE

"The dog disappeared, called back by a whistle, doubtless to point out where we were. We cut the last strand and dashed up to the next belt, only a few yards from the German trench.

"We began cutting this when the machine-gun again rattled out, and my sergeant came up and told me that he had six men wounded, two very seriously.

PILOT SPRINTS TO FREEDOM

Brussels, Dec. 10.

Belgian peasants toiling in their fields at Esplechin to-day heard the noise of a plane and saw a British fighter in difficulties.

As they watched, it made a bumpy landing, tearing away fences before it stopped. The peasants rushed to the machine. A young pilot clambered out.

"Where am I," he asked.

"In Belgium," he was told.

"Oh, am I far from the French frontier?"

"No, just 200 yards," said a peasant, pointing to a frontier post.

The R.A.F. pilot did not wait to hear more. He grabbed documents from the cockpit—and sprinted to the border. From there he waved a joyous farewell to the peasants.

Police later came on the scene, and the plane was seized.

"It was useless to continue the attempt to enter the trench and take prisoners. We threw all our bombs, including those of the wounded men, into the German line, and then we made off as fast as we could.

"But for that four-footed sentry I am sure our raid would have been a perfect success."

SERVICE OF CAROLS

Evening Service at the Hong Kong Union Church on Sunday will take the form of a Christmas musical service of hymns and carols. There will be no address. Soloists include, Mrs. Doris Blair, Mrs. Helen Lockhart, Mrs. I Moran (cello) Mr. Gaston d'Aquino and Mr. V. Sanders. Mr. Longyear will be at the organ.

Union Church offers a very cordial invitation to all who are interested to attend this service, which will take place at 6 p.m.



Jane Withers is the bravest little Ma'amsele in all France in "Pack Up Your Troubles," her latest 20th Century-Fox comedy, which brings her to the King's Theatre to-day with the rolaterous Ritz Brothers. Yes, the Ritzes are in the army now, so prepare to howl!

HALF-BROTHER OF ADOLF VANISHES

Alois Hitler, Adolf's half-brother, has disappeared mysteriously from Berlin.

He received a telephone call at his fashionable Wittenberg Platz restaurant, left in a hurry and has not been seen since.

The police refuse to say where

he is. But the reason for his disappearance is believed to be that he talked too much about Adolf's past.

Alois ran a coffee stall in the suburbs till Adolf came to power. Then he was installed as a restaurant owner.

He was married to an English woman, but was divorced.



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"HITLER SPEAKS"

By Dr. Rauschnig

ON HIS FOREIGN POLICY: BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY AND POLAND

We were discussing Poland and I had told the Fuehrer that Poland would hardly be likely to surrender any of her western territories to Germany.

"Then I shall force her. It would be a simple matter for me to partition Poland." I asked Hitler what he meant.

"All our agreements with Poland have a purely temporary significance. I have no intention of maintaining a serious friendship with Poland. I do not need to share my power with anyone." He paced the room in silence for some minutes.

"I could at any time come to an agreement with Soviet Russia," he said at last, as he paused and faced me. "I could partition Poland when and how I pleased. But I don't want to. It would cost too much. If I can avoid it, I will not do it. I need Poland only so long as I am still menaced by the West."

"Do you seriously intend to fight the West?" I asked.

He stopped and looked at me.

"What else do you think we're arming for?" he retorted.

I said that I thought this would surely call forth a hostile coalition against Germany which would be too strong for her.

"That is what I have to prevent.

We must proceed step by step, so that no one will impede our advance. How to do this I don't yet know. But that it will be done is guaranteed by Britain's lack of firmness and France's internal disunity."

Hitler then began to talk about his favourite subject, the pacifism of Britain and France. I have heard him many times reiterate his unshakable conviction that Britain was quite incapable of waging another war, and that France, in spite of her magnificent army, could, by the provocation of internal unrest and disunity in public opinion, easily be brought to the point where she would only be able to use her army too late or not at all. I objected that we might find ourselves grievously mistaken in our belief in the impotence of Britain and France.

Hitler laughed scornfully. He would not live to see Britain again at war with Germany. "Britain needs a strong Germany. Britain and France will never again make common cause against Germany."

"Do you intend to break the Maginot Line," I asked, "or will you march into Holland and Belgium? If you do the latter, you will certainly bring Britain in on the side of France."

"If they have time to come in,"

Hitler returned. "Besides, I shall neither break through the Maginot Line nor enter Belgium. I shall manoeuvre France right out of her Maginot Line without losing a single soldier."

I must have looked sceptical, for Hitler added triumphantly:

"How to do it is my secret! Of

course," he continued after a pause, "I shall do everything in my power to prevent co-operation between Britain and France. If I succeed in bringing in Italy and Britain on our side, the first part of our struggle for power will be greatly facilitated. Anyhow, we don't for a moment pretend to believe that this degenerate Jewish democracy has any more vitality than France or the United States. It will be my mission to see that at least an effort is made to inherit this disintegrating empire peacefully, so that conflict can be avoided entirely. But I shall not shrink from war with Britain if it is necessary. Where Napoleon failed, I shall succeed. To-day there is no such thing as an island. I shall land on the shores of Britain. I shall destroy her towns from the mainland. Britain does not yet know how vulnerable she is to-day."

"But supposing Britain, France and Russia make an alliance?"

"That would be the end. But even if we could not conquer them, we should drag half the world into destruction with us, and leave no one to triumph over Germany. There will not be another 1918. We shall not surrender."

I remarked that the lesson for Germany of the last war seemed to me to be this: That it was unwise to rouse all nations against us by our too ambitious political aims, and thus be left in the end without allies.

Hitler lost patience with me.

"If Germany is to become a world power, and not merely a continental state (and it must become a world power if it is to survive), then it must achieve complete sovereignty and independence," he shouted. "Do you understand what that means? Is it not clear to you how tragically mutilated we are by the restriction and hemming-in of our vital space, a restriction which condemns us to the status of a second-rate power in Europe? Only nations living independently in their own space and capable of military defence can be world powers. Only such nations are sovereign in the true sense of the word."

"Russia is such a state," he went on, "the United States, Britain — but only by artificial means, not at all from the nature of its populated areas. France is such a state up to a point. Why should we be worse off?"

"We need space," he almost shrieked, "to make us independent of every possible political grouping and alliance. In the east, we must have the mastery as far as the Caucasus and Iran. In the west, we need the French coast. We need Flanders and Holland. Above all we need Sweden. We must become a colonial power. We must have a sea power equal to that of Britain. The material basis for independence grows with the increasing demands of

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GOEBBELS COMMISERATES OVER CHRISTMAS

Berlin, To-day.

"EITHER WE RESIGN AS A greater power or we win this war," declared Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, addressing a political Christmas party at which Germans, repatriated Germans from the Baltic countries and evacuees from the Saar were present.

Dr. Goebbels said the German people would never be separated from their Fuehrer, and continued:

"Germany celebrates this Christmas with that profound faith which is always a prerequisite of victory."

"HITLER SPEAKS"

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technique and armament. We cannot, like Bismarck, limit ourselves to national aims. We must rule Europe or fall apart as a nation, fall back into the chaos of small states. Now do you understand why I cannot be limited, either in the east or in the west?"

Hitler paced the room in great excitement.

"A new Empire never rises otherwise than by blood and iron, by a firm will and brutal force. In the centre I shall place the steely core of a Greater Germany welded into an indissoluble unity. Then Austria, Bohemia, and Moravia, western Poland. A block of one hundred million. Indestructible, without an alien element, the firm foundation of our power. Then an Eastern alliance: Poland, the Baltic states, Hungary, the Balkan states, the Ukraine, the Volga basin, Georgia. An alliance, but not of equal partners; it will be an alliance of vassal states, with no army, no separate policy, no separate economy. I have no intention of making concessions on sentimental grounds, such as re-establishing Hungary, for example. I make no distinction between friends and enemies. The day of small states is past, in the west as well. I shall have a Western Union too, of Holland, Flanders, Northern France, and a Northern Union of Denmark, Sweden and Norway."

Hitler was silent for a little, lost in the contemplation of his vision.

Referring to the repatriation of Germans from the Baltic, Dr. Goebbels said he knew it meant suffering for many, but hard suffering was inevitable in these times.

There was hardly anybody in Germany who was not suffering difficulties and hardships, and certainly nobody who didn't want to suffer!

"Germany's very existence is at stake," Dr. Goebbels exclaimed.

"If, during the first weeks of the war the Allied politicians tried to persuade the world that they were fighting against Hitlerism, without wanting to injure the German people, nobody is, trying to conceal to-day that it is their goal to strike Germany down.

"It isn't really important to know who wanted this war — we are at war, and this is the all-important fact." — Reuter.

Then with prodigious self-sufficiency, he enlarged on these plans, which at the time were all the more astonishing since they seemed to lack the slightest hope of realisation. In 1934 they were madness; in 1940 they will perhaps be fact. It is not surprising that a man who has been able to realise so many of his dreams should be drunk with power and believe himself a god.

Hitler's imagination ranged over the entire world. He would attack Britain at all her weakest points, India no less than Canada. He planned the occupation of Sweden as well as Holland.

The latter country, in particular, seemed to him a valuable jumping-off ground for air and submarine attack on England.

"In less than eight hours we shall break through to their coast," he told me, in a tone of malignant triumph. A situation might arise, he explained, in which he might risk a great war. In that case, he would remain on the defensive, and leave it to the enemy to take the first aggressive step. On the enemy's doing so, he would then seize on Holland, Denmark, Switzerland and the Scandinavian states, improve his strategic positions, and propose peace under certain guarantees.

"If they don't like it, they can try to drive me out. In any case they will have to bear the main burden of attack."

On my suggesting that another blockade of Germany would bring defeat, he laughed derisively.

"The day of Britain's might at sea is past. Aircraft and the U-boat have turned surface fleets into the obsolete playthings of the wealthy democracies. They are, no longer a serious weapon in decisive warfare."

One other item in this conversation with Hitler seemed to me remarkable, and that was his view of Italy. He spoke of Fascism with almost hostile contempt, as a half-measure.

"The Italians can never be trained to become a warlike people, nor has Fascism ever understood the real meaning of the great upheaval of our era. Of course we can make temporary alliances with Italy; but ultimately we National Socialists stand alone, as the only ones who know the secret of these gigantic changes, and therefore as those chosen to set their seal on the coming age."

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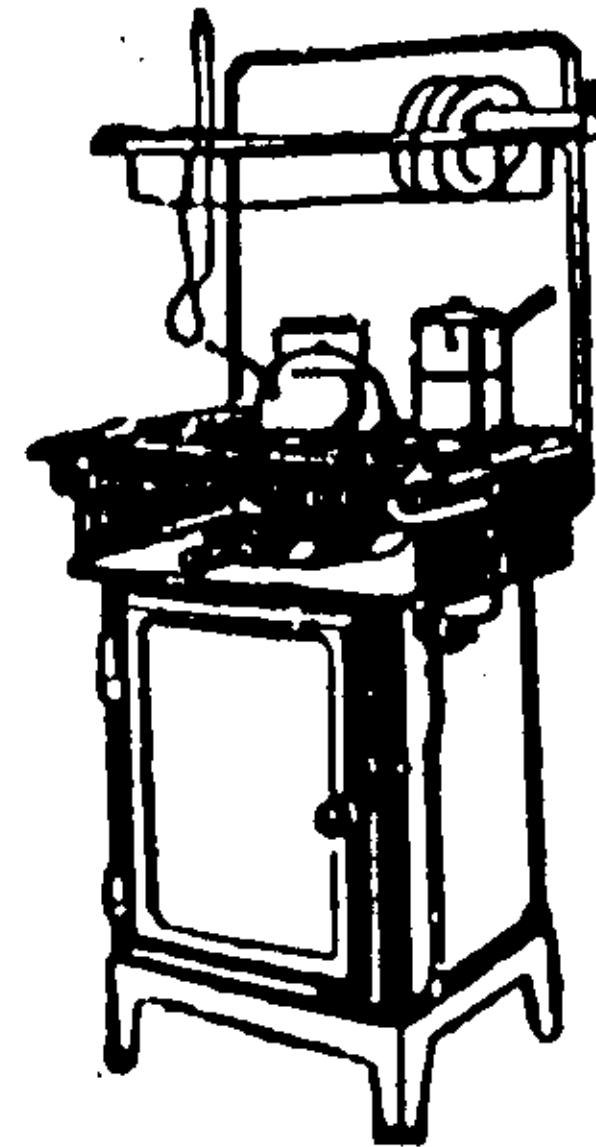
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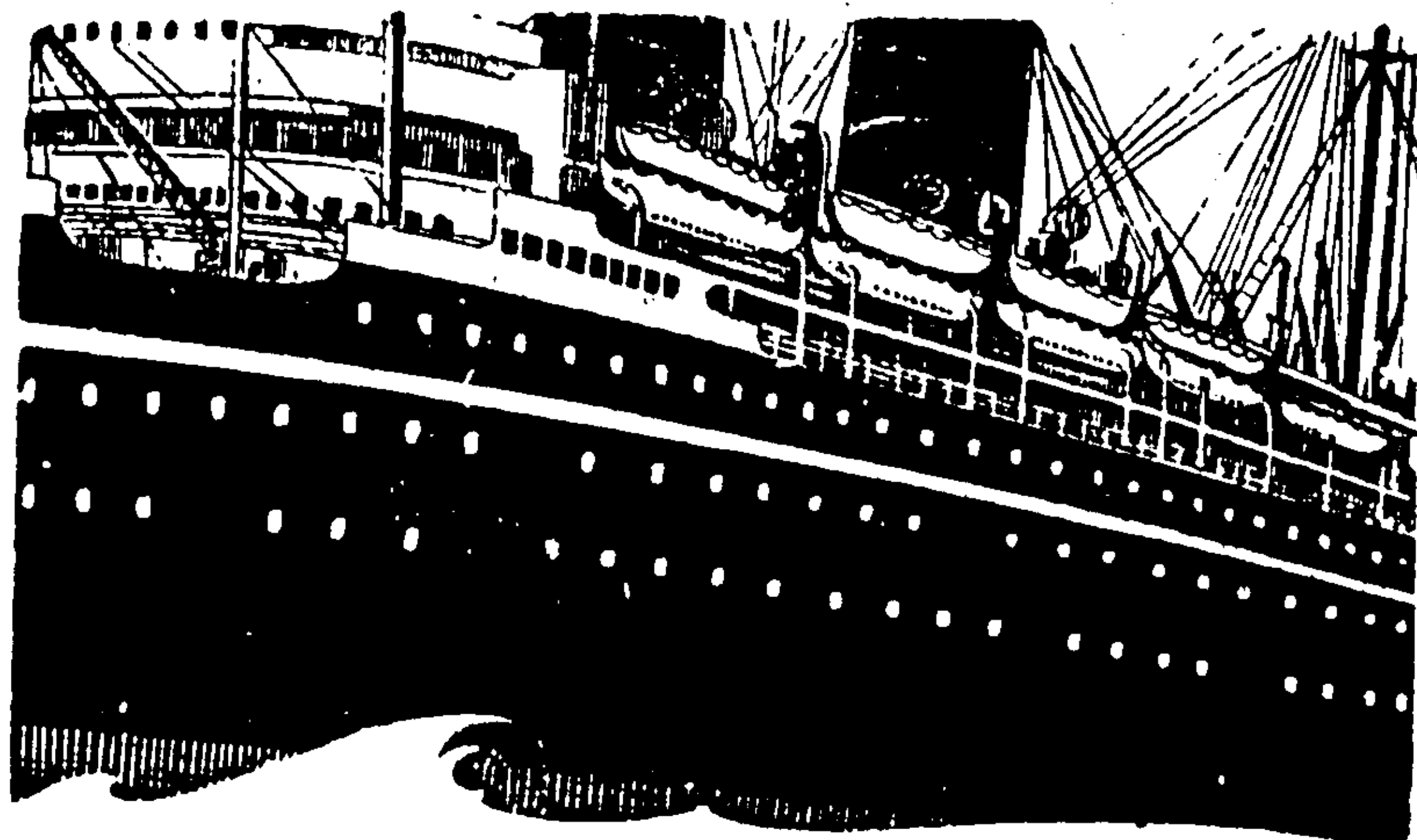
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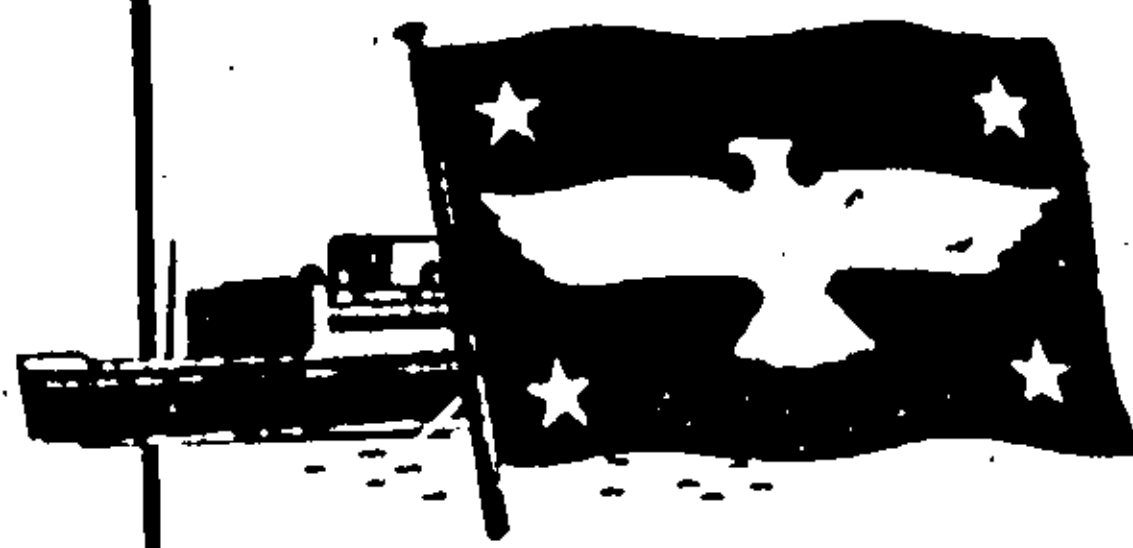
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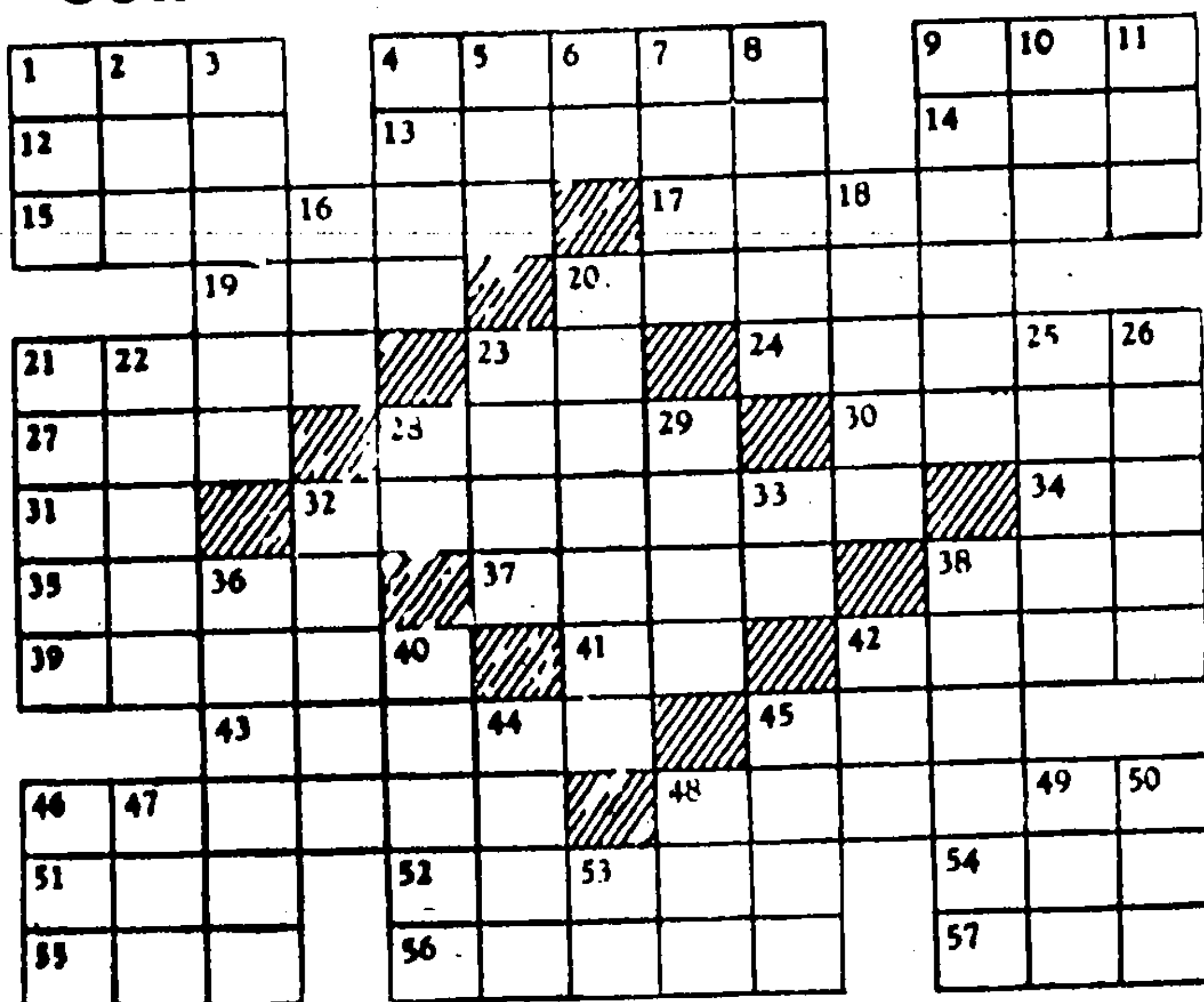
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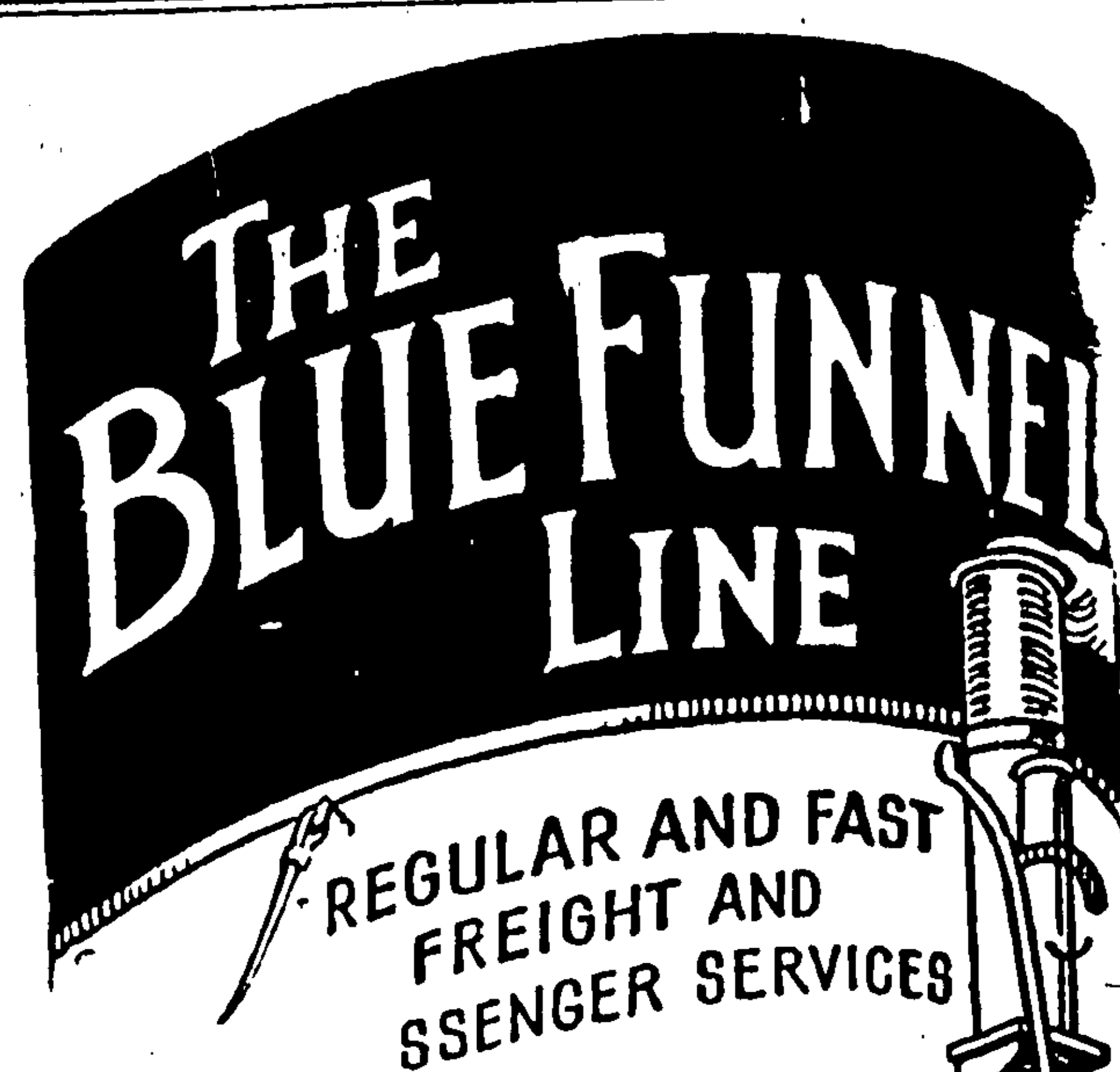
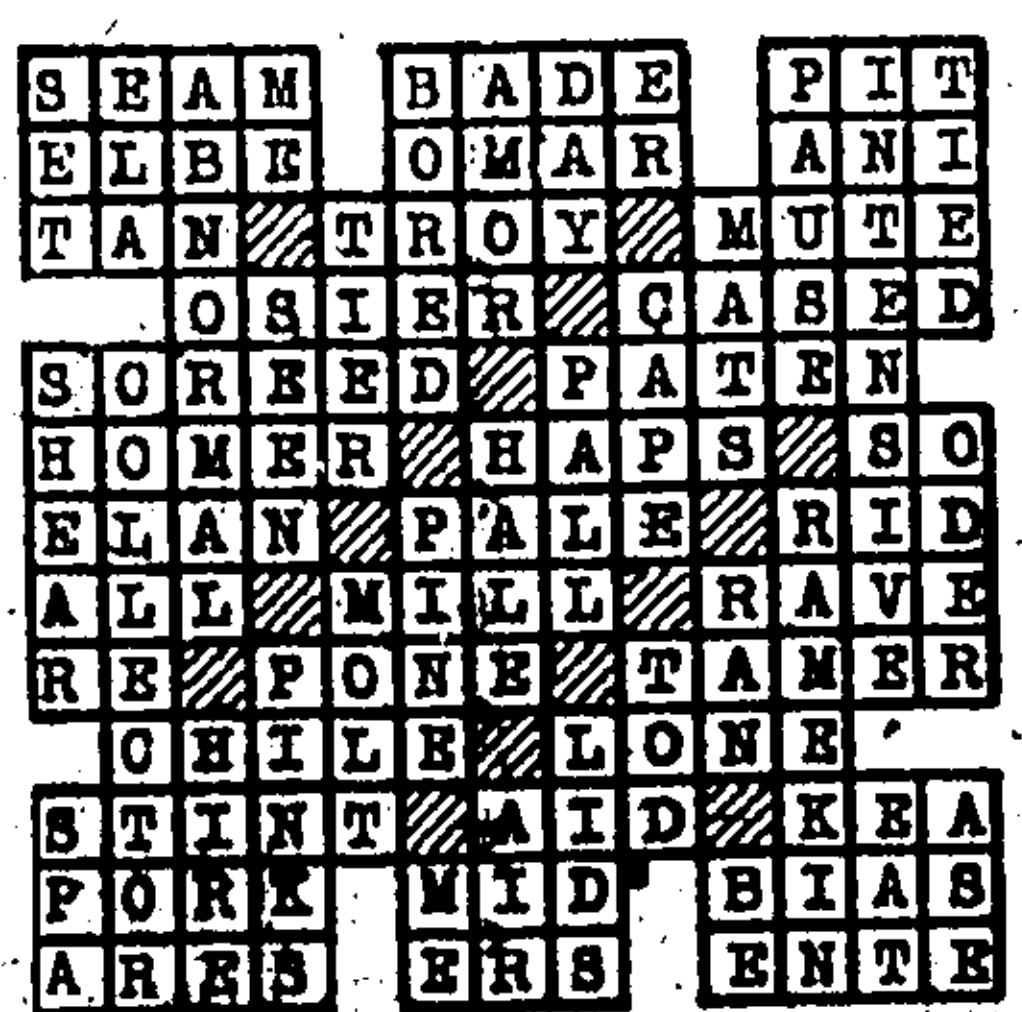
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23 Note of scale
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27 Top
28 Electrified particles
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31 European fish
32 Played
34 Exists
35 Labels
37 Gaseous element
38 Favourite
39 Cheerful
41 Chief Egyptian god
42 Weights
43 Show

45 Petroleum
46 Swords
48 Like night
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55 To spread
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1 Smart blow
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3 Covering
4 Box
5 Number
6 Concerning

7 Rate
8 Europeans
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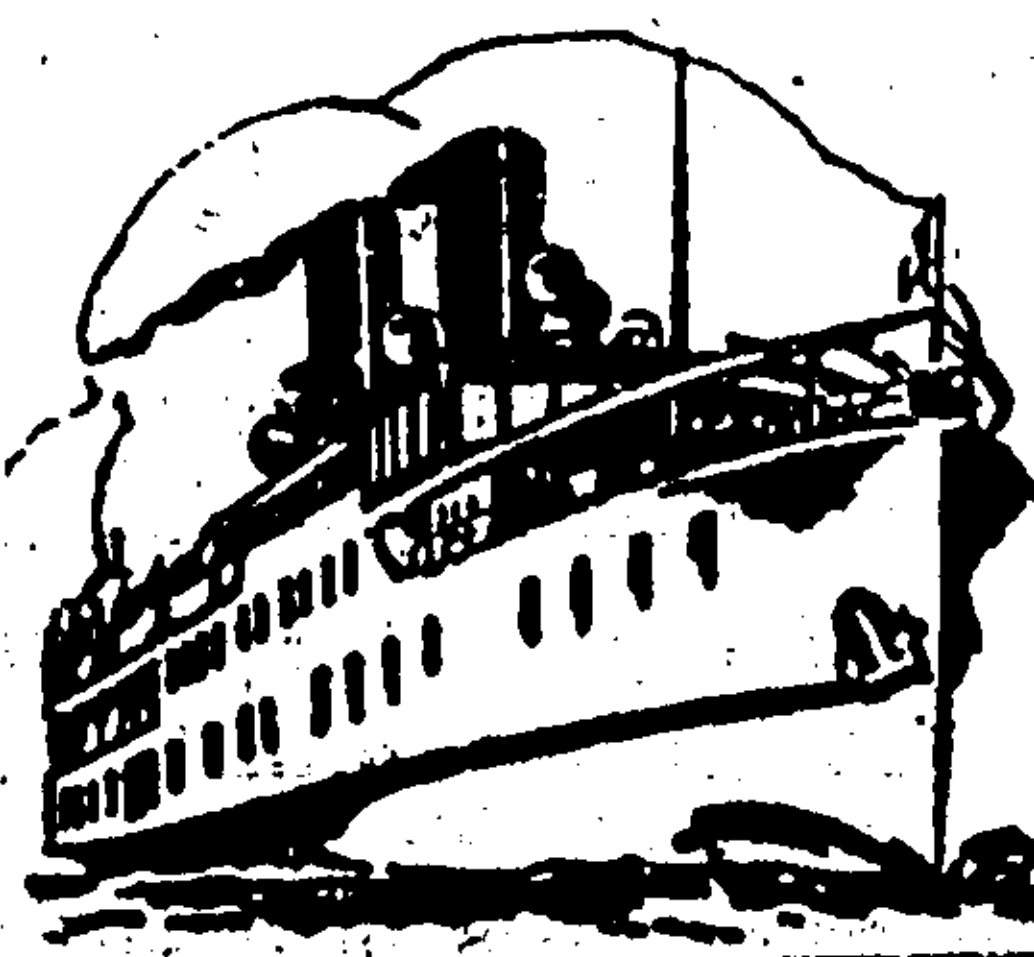
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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(By "STRIKE")

This week I have to report one of the finest Duck Pin matches I have ever seen. The occasion was a five-game match between U.S.S. Tulsa and the usual representative team from the Alleys, played on Friday.

The Alley team won comfortably by 136 pins. The scores being as follows:—

Alley Team....1987 U.S.S. Tulsa....1851

The large margin in favour of the Alley Team would at first glance lead one to believe that the Tulsa team played badly. On the contrary. It was actually due to the brilliance of the Alley Team, in fact, in my opinion it would have been hard for any Duck Pin team to have beaten them, on their form on this occasion.

Actual scores were as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM:

J. S. Landolt	531	average of	106
J. R. Fawcett	490	"	" 98
H. Blount	489	"	" 98
J. H. Watts	477	"	" 96
TULSA TEAM:			
J. Yellink	492	"	" 98
O. R. Terry	477	"	" 96
O. F. Drewes	462	"	" 93
H. S. Baker	420	"	" 84

From these scores it can be seen that both teams, with the exception of Baker of Tulsa, scored over 90 pins per game. Baker, who is probably one of the best Duck Pin bowlers on Tulsa, was lowest scorer. This is very unusual for him; he is more generally on top of the scoring.

J. S. Landolt's 531 was a brilliant effort and he thoroughly deserved the honour of being easily the highest scorer of the match.

There was also a Duck Pin match played on December 14, between Tulsa and Mindanao. It was the return match to the one mentioned before, Tulsa having won the first match were also successful in this one but by the very low margin of 41 pins.

On this occasion J. A. Vasko of Tulsa was the star bowler with 502 pins to his credit, nearest approach to him being J. S. Thomas of Mindanao with 475. As the scores show, Mindanao are improving more and more with each match; scores were as follows.—

U.S.S. TULSA:

J. A. Vasko	502	or average of 100 pins
O. F. Drawes	468	" " " 93 "
E. T. Christianson ..	448	" " " 90 "
J. R. Terry	441	" " " 88 "

U.S.S. MINDANAO:

J. C. Thomas ..	475	"	"	"	92	"
D. M. Kepfinger	459	"	"	"	95	"
L. Reichold	449	"	"	"	90	"
D. M. Hirschberg	435	"	"	"	87	"

On December 15, Doc Molthen played A. W. Muenger in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition. Molthen started off with a plus 9 handicap... and Muenger with plus 22. This meant that Molthen was conceding 13 pins per game. He won by 19 pins only which again demonstrates how accurately the handicapping was computed.

Individual scores were as follows:—

Doc Molthen	193	171	145	509
A. W. Muenger	144	151	156	490

On Sunday morning L. Gaddi was beaten by M. Talan by no less than 64 pins. It was the consensus of opinion that Gaddi would beat Talan because he is a bowler of no mean accomplishments and Talan, although also a good bowler, has not played for some time owing to illness. The following are the scores, both players starting off level:—

M. Talan	147	181	160	468
L. Gaddi	134	139	131	404

It can be seen that Gaddi did not win on

game.

On December 19, we were treated to a very good Duck Pin Match between old friends of Tulsa and new friends of U.S.S. Backer. This was the first occasion the Backer competed in a Duck Pin match and they did very well.

On this occasion, much to the surprise of all Duck Pins fans, Barker won by 39 pins. It was a three-game match only, due to lack of time, but it was an interesting match nevertheless. The individual scores were as follows:—

U.S.S. BARKAR:

V. P. Beckwith	298	average of	99
L. L. Fredrick	281	" "	94
S. E. Grenuck	295	" "	98
R. E. Kelly	269	" "	90

U.S.S. TULSA:

H. S. Baker	311	"	"	104
J. A. Vasko	301	"	"	94
J. R. Terry	248	"	"	82
H. Koslosky	243	"	"	81

It can be seen that although Baker, and Vasko of Tulsa bowled remarkably well, as they usually do, they could not stave off defeat for their side, the Barker team one and all bowling over 80 per game, and, in the case of Beckwith and Grenuck, almost 100 per game.

The names on the monthly record board remain the same as last week with the exception of Mrs. Horton who has beaten Mrs. Miller's Ten Pin score of 160 by registering 189, and C. B. Martinez has beaten J. R. Terry's Duck Pin score of 134 by making 144. The records now remain:

LADIES

LADIES		MEN	
Mrs. Horton	TEN PINS 189	Geo. North	23
	DUCK PINS		
Mrs. J. S. Landolt	134	C. E. Martinez	14

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
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TROOPS' CONCERT IN THEATRE BAR

London, Nov., 25.

The King and Queen spent two hours in Drury Lane Theatre yesterday talking to the E.N.S.A. and N.A.A.F.I. concert parties and watching them rehearse the songs and sketches they are to take to France this week-end.

It was a surprise visit and was intended to occupy only three-quarters of an hour.

The King, who was wearing the khaki uniform of a Field-Marshal, and the Queen, who was in violet, were received by Sir Murrough Wilson, chairman of N.A.A.F.I., Mr. Basil Dean, and Sir Seymour Hicks.

In the stalls vestibule Jack Hylton's Band was playing "Run, Rabbit, Run," and 14-year-old Ernest Wise was singing.

From the stalls seats attendants grabbed the dust sheets when the King and Queen came to watch Leslie Henson's party on the stage.

The King and Queen crossed the orchestra pit and talked with Mr. Henson, Violet Loraine, and Binnie Hale.

"The old war songs still seem to be popular, don't they?" the King remarked to Leslie Henson.

"Yes. But I've a new one," said Henson.

"Let's hear it," the King answered, and he listened to Mr. Henson and his company singing "Good-bye, Sally," by Arthur Riscoe.

When Violet Loraine sang "If you were the only girl in the world," the

Queen said, "That old song must bring a lump to your throat."

The King greeted Tom Webster, the Daily Mail cartoonist, with the remark, "We've met before."

The concert parties of Sir Seymour Hicks, Ralph Reader, and Thorpe Bates were rehearsing in the dress circle bar and other corners.

The King and Queen found Jack Buchanan inspecting a portable theatre, chatted with stage hands, carpenters, electricians, and saw the variety section at work under Will Hay.

As they were leaving the Queen noticed some wardrobe seamstresses sitting apart, walked over and talked to them about sewing.

The King listened to the tale of Drury Lane's famous ghost — a tall figure in grey riding cloak of the early 18th century.

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The Carnival dinner dances on Christmas and New Year's Eve will be extended to 3 a.m. and on Boxing Night to 2 a.m., the Gloucester Continental Orchestra providing the latest dance numbers, and there will be fancy hats, crackers, balloons and novelties to add to the gaiety of the occasions.

SAFETY ISLAND

To save her three children from air raid dangers, a Lancashire wife is to give up a beautiful home to live in a lighthouse.

She is Mrs. J. W. Howarth, of Claytonfield, Clayton-le-Woods, near Preston.

In a few days she will shut up her house, say good-bye to her husband, and take her children to the Calf of Man, a tiny island on the south-west extremity of the Isle of Man.

Their only neighbours will be Warden Mitchell, who is in charge of the bird sanctuary on the island, and his wife and mother.

Mrs. Howarth's elder son, aged thirteen, and her ten-year-old daughter look forward to re-visiting the Calf, where they spent three weeks in the summer.

"We thought this would be a good safe place for the children, and managed to get the National Trust to give us a long lease on the lighthouse," Mrs. Howarth said.

"I shall only see my husband about once a month. His work in the cotton trade keeps him busy in Manchester.

"The children will take correspondence courses.

THE SIEGFRIED IS 'MAROONED'

Rhine floods swirl around pillboxes in the Siegfried Line and supplies to fortresses facing the Maginot Line are being carried by boat.

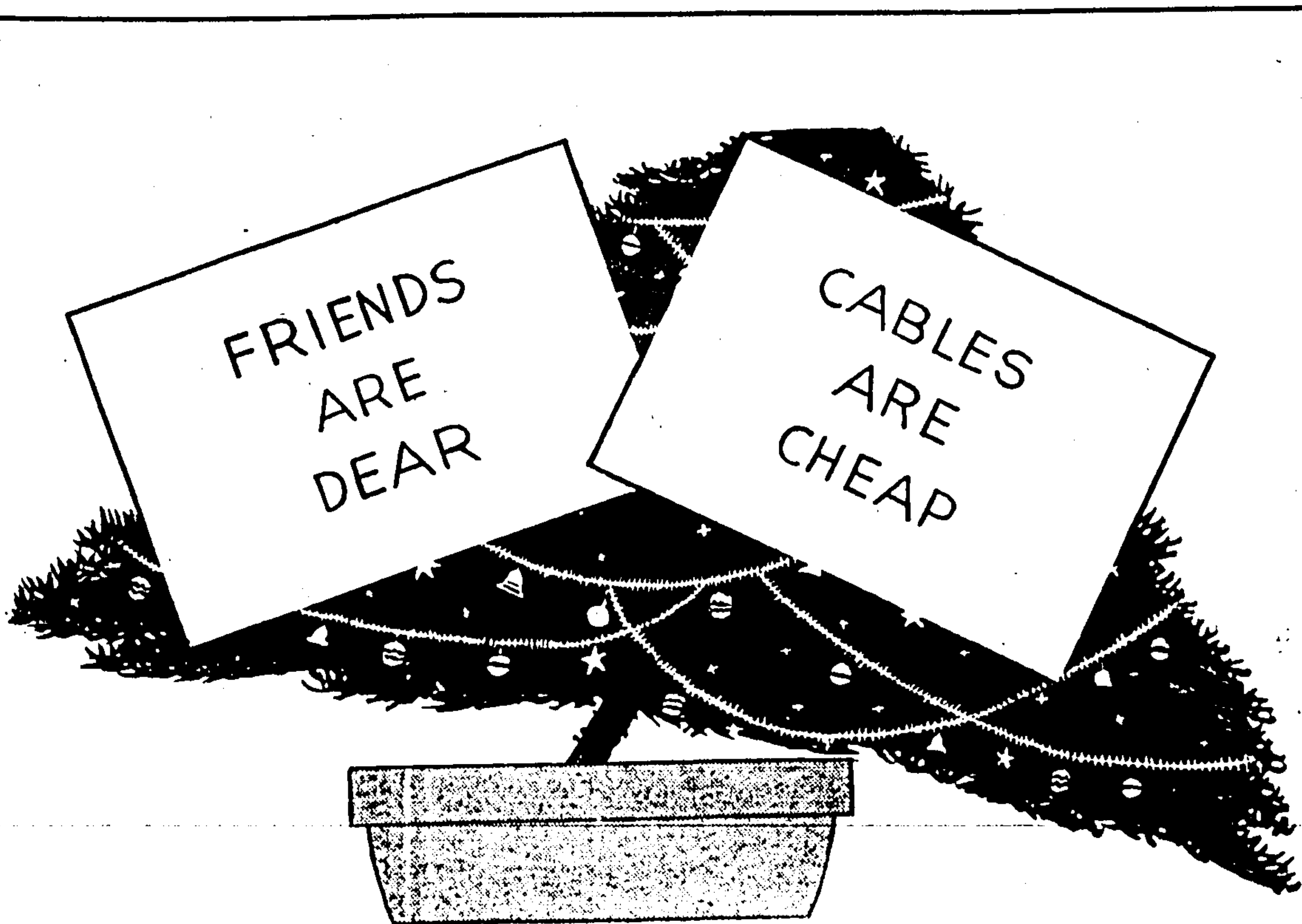
A correspondent who travelled 150 miles along a front where French and German troops keep close watch on each other, did not hear a single shot fired.

This was along the Rhine from Lauterburg to Basle.

Past Strasbourg and Mulhouse to the Swiss frontier he saw 1,500,000 men holding a defence zone from which all civilians have been evacuated.

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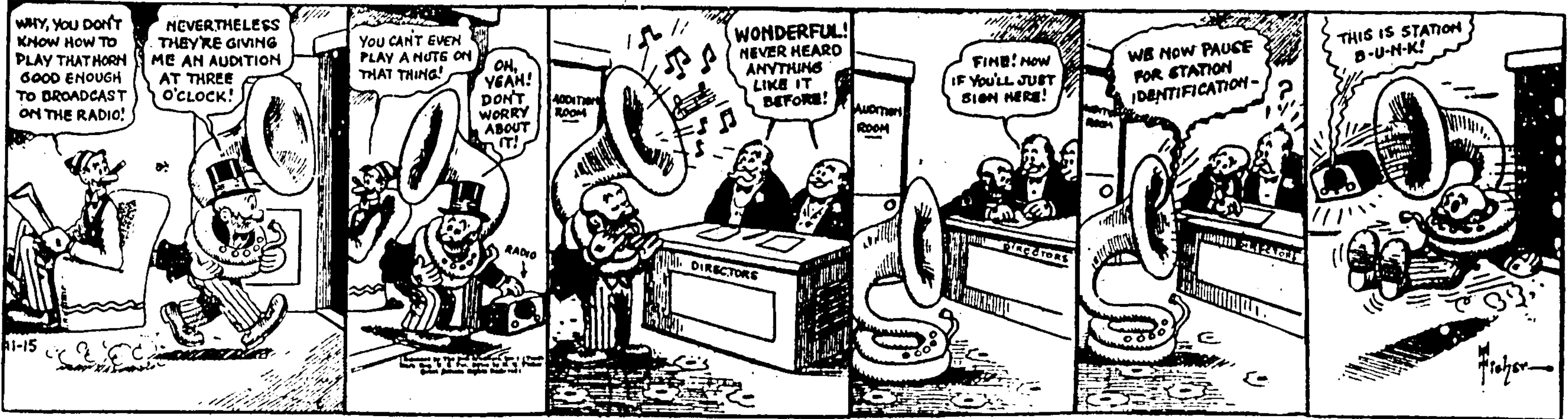
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Variety And Dance Request Programme

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—George Scott Wood with His Six Swingers and Betty Driver (Vocal).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano. "Helen"—Piano Selection (Offenbach—arr. Korngold); Have You Forgotten? (Suesse); Jasmine (A Syncopated Impression—Mayerl); Sweet Nothings (Rettenberg).
1.15 p.m.—Vocal Items by The Mills Brothers.
Jungle Fever (from 'Spy 13'); Sleepy Head (from 'Spy 13'); Tiger Rag (La Rocca); Some of These Days (Brooks); Caravan (Ellington).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

To-day's Wireless

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Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—A. Military Band Concert with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone). Mechanized Infantry—Quick March; Fanfare; The Minstrel Boy; The Watch Tower... Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands.
Mother O' Mine (Kipling-Tours); Danny Deever (Kipling-Damrosch)... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Three Dale Dances (Wood)... Callenders' Senior Band.
Phil The Fluter's Ball (French); With My

Shillelagh Under My Arm (O'Brian & Wallace)... Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.
Parade Of The Puppets (Kuhn); The Changing of the Guard (Flotsam & Jetsam)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—Concert by Efreim Zimballist (Vocal) and Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
Carmen—Fantasy (Bizet—arr. Sarasate)... Efreim Zimballist (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Saldenberg.
Military March In E Flat (Schubert, arr. Backhaus); Triana ("Iberia"—Albeniz)... Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).
The Zephyr (Hubay, Op. 30, No. 5); After Sundown (Scott)... Efreim Zimballist (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Emanuel Bey.
Waltz In D Flat, Op. 64, No. 1 (Chopin); Etude In C Major, Op. 10, No. 7 (Chopin); Waldesrauschen (Liszt)... Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).

Trot—Moon for Sale... Roy Fox & His Ballroom Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"The Time Has Come"—A Thriller.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 p.m.—Local Sport Results.

9.27 p.m.—More Request Variety and Dance Items.

Fox-Trot—Pross-Chai... Artie Shaw & His Orchestra.

Vocal—Mexican Rode (Stone-Tenney)... Bing Crosby with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Meanest Thing You Ever Did Was Kiss Me... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Vocal—Rock and Roll (Clare-Whiting); Don't Let Your Love Go Wrong (Whiting & Others)... The Boswell Sisters.

Rumba—When Bomba Plays A Rumba... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.

Vocal—Just Let Me Lood At You (from 'Joy of Living'); Sing A Song of Harbest (from 'Kentucky Moonshine')... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Georgia's Gotta Moon: Rhythm In The Alphabet... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood.

Singers On Parade—I'm gonna lock my heart... Sam Costa; Helen Clare—I'm sorry I said I loves you; Paula Green—You couldn't be cuter; George Barclay—The sweetest song in the world; Pat Hyde—A-lisket, A-lasket; Al Bowly—Little lady make believe; Marjorie Stedford—Love, walked in; Jack Plant—Time and time again; Dinah Miller—It's d'lovely; Dan Donovan—The Red Maple Leaves; Alice Mann—Says my heart; Jack Cooper—Music, maestro, please.

Fox-Trot—Ten Little Miles from Town: Home at Sundown... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me.

Vocal—Wee Willie Winkle (Robertson)... Boyd Steven (Soprano) with Piano.

Orch.—The Donkey Serenade (from 'Firefly'); The Lambeth Walk (from 'Me and My Girl')... Barnabas Von Gecky & His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—To Mother With Love; Little Gypsy Of The Seven Seas... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me.

Violin & Vocal—An Old Violin (Taylor-Fisher); Looking For You (Taylor-Sanderson)... Albert Sandler (Violin) and Olive Groves (Soprano) with Jean Melville at the Piano.

Quicksteps—The Snoop; So You Left Me For The Leader of A Swing Band... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood.

Fox-Trot—Chloe; Jam Session... Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

Rumba—Antigua... Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks".

Fox-Trot—Rag Rag... The Ballyhooligans.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"North Ireland Log".

11.15 p.m.—London Relay—Second Half of International Rugby Match—England v. Wales.

12.00 midnight.—CLOSE DOWN.

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North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 7 4
♥ K Q 6 5
♦ A Q 10 3 2
♣ 9

♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 8 7
♣ 10 8 7 3

♠ A Q J
♥ 9 7 3
♦ 5 4
♣ A K Q J

♠ 10 8 3
♥ A J 10 2
♦ K J 9 6
♣ 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
10	Dbl.	Redbl.	Pass
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West decided that the lead of a club, which his partner had bid and of which he held five, could not accomplish anything. However, East had doubled the opening diamond bid, which seemed to indicate strength in spades, and thus a spade lead might be of some help.

South quite properly played a low spade from dummy, and East, after winning with the Jack, went into a huddle. "Obviously," thought East, "Declarer must have solid trumps, and whether he or my partner holds the King of diamonds, I don't see

how we can win any tricks in that suit. But if I can put West in to lead another spade, I can set the contract."

There was only one answer to this. Even though he knew it might cost him a trick, East led his lowest club, whereupon West, to his intense surprise, found himself winning the trick with the club ten. A second spade lead then set the contract.

Yesterday you and your partner (Oswald Jacoby) were vulnerable and you held:

♠ K 10 8 5
♥ K J 4 2
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♣	Pass	(?)	

Answer: Your correct response is one heart. If partner now bids spades or diamonds, you intend to raise. If he bids two clubs, two hearts or one notrump, you bid two notrump.

QUESTION NO. 291.

You are Merwin Maier's partner. Your side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ —
♥ A K Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 9
♣ A K 6 5 3

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
3♥	2♣	Pass	3♦
4♣	4♣	Dbl.	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RUGBY

Army Make Many Changes For To-Day's Vital Game

GONSALVES' BRILLIANT DISPLAY

(By "ADREM")

The University team which opened its Mixed Doubles League programme last night, at King's Park, was most difficult to recognise as the team which won the championship of this division last season.

Two of the ladies playing were beginners and this marked their first match, only old hand being Miss Ulian Khoo. Miss Joyce Anderson and Miss Josephine Choa have both graduated.

University can be considered fortunate to have won with so much to spare — they emerged at the right end of a 6-3 score — as in the early stages it appeared possible that the home team might win.

Wrong tactics, and the brilliant performances of the University men, however, settled the issue. Recreio men made the fatal mistake of trying to play their opposite numbers at their own game. Naturally they did not succeed. A consistent short game and an attack on the University lady players would have brought results.

HUI OUT OF PRACTICE

For the University, P. K. Hui, the holder of all the Colony titles, appeared out of practice, but improved progressively throughout the evening, while P. S. Bun played a brainy game and made numerous openings for Miss Khoo's smashing.

K. L. Yong was required to cover far too much court to be effective but never gave up trying.

Miss Khoo, Colony mixed doubles champion, revealed what improvement over her form of last season. Hitherto weakest phase of her game has been her service. This is now most reliable. She showed great speed in covering court and was very severe on anything loose.

Finest home pair were H. S. Gonsalves and Miss Maggie Xavier. The former played a great game featured by brainy courtcraft, a wide repertoire of strokes and a powerful smash.

Miss Xavier was erratic overhead in her first game but later improved considerably. She covered her partner well when he was out-positioned.

Both other Recreio pairs were too inconsistent to meet with much success against such experienced opponents.

SON OF DONOR OF AITKENHEAD SHIELD IN COLONY

Local lawn bowlers will be interested to learn of the arrival in the Colony, to join the local branch of the Hong Kong Bank, of G. G. Aitkenhead, son of donor of the Aitkenhead Shield.

R. C. Aitkenhead, a member of the first Shanghai Interport team to win on local soil, donated the shield for annual competition between Island and Mainland clubs, to commemorate this event.

EARDLEYS SHOW PACES

At Taikoo, chief interest was centred on the first appearance on the local badminton courts of Henry Eardley and his sister Miss Decima Eardley, Shanghai mixed doubles champions.

They were far superior to the opposition and only dropped 12 points throughout the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Main were the only home pair to take a game.

EARDLEYS IMPRESSIVE

At Taikoo, St. John's beat Taikoo by 8 games to 1.

Scores at Taikoo were:

C. McVaird and Mrs. T. Beattie (Taikoo)	5-21
lost to H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley	5-21
lost to D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson	13-21
lost to S. H. Kwok and Mrs. E. Strange	13-21
Mr. and Mrs. R. Main (Taikoo)	3-21
lost to Eardley and Miss Eardley	3-21
lost to Kwok and Mrs. Wilson	9-21
beat Kwok and Mrs. Strange	21-10
L. Gibson and Miss I. Cunningham (Taikoo)	4-31
lost to Eardley and Miss Eardley	4-31
lost to Kwok and Mrs. Wilson	5-31
lost to Kwok and Mrs. Strange	8-31

CHAMPIONS WIN

At King's Park, University beat Recreio "B" by 6-3.

L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio)	21-17
beat K. L. Yong and Miss N. Wee	21-17
lost to P. K. Hui and Miss Ueng	11-21
Khoo	8-21
lost to P. S. Bun and Miss Ulian	8-21
H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio)	21-5
beat Yong and Miss Wee	23-24
lost to Hui and Miss Khoo	9-31
lost to Bun and Miss Khoo	9-31
C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva (Recreio)	20-18
beat Yong and Miss Wee	17-31
lost to Hui and Miss Khoo	17-31
lost to Bun and Miss Khoo	3-21

THE HANDS TELL

By BEST BALL

Lacking the height for a wide arc in her stroke Patty Berg is forced to depend upon a compact swing for distance. The long club-head path that the majority of players have come to identify with long driving, because the club-head can be gradually accelerated and still gain tremendous velocity at impact, hasn't proven an insurmountable obstacle in the Minneapolis girl's case. She gains a distance off the tee comparable to any of the first flight women golfers plus accuracy. Miss Berg claims the answer lies in the hand and wrist action although admitting that such fundamentals as proper co-ordination, timing and weight shift are also important. But in her book it is more the hands than the grooved arc which brings the clubhead on the ball in accurate fashion.

Naturally to achieve the skill that Patty Berg possesses to-day, she must have given plenty of time to practice. Yet so have other golfers without arriving at any such degree of skill. Perhaps the difference lies largely in the manner of training. Miss Berg

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for example hits each practice shot with all the care and finesse she would expend in a regular tournament. This has not only developed her game but her concentration. If trouble lies ahead, she doesn't allow a player to forget about it and she keeps his attention to the stroke. Furthermore each shot should be played decisively.

CLUB AT FULL STRENGTH ARE CONFIDENT

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

The 1939-40 Triangular Rugby Tournament will be virtually decided to-day on the Club ground when Club meet Army in their second round encounter.

Winning the first match by 13 points to 5, despite a brilliant display of forward play by Army, Club are favoured to win to-day and so secure the trophy for the first time since 1936. They have Alec Taylor back again, in place of Richardson, and the inclusion of Heasman in the front row and Deane as wing forward has caused the omission of Wanklyn and Kennedy respectively.

The Army side differs greatly from that which lost to Club, Richards coming in on the wing in place of Willis to be partnered by Lang instead of Hook, who will be at fly-half in place of Boe.

Marsh has been dropped for Skipworth, who will partner the elusive Walcott, and May is at the base of the scrum instead of Lang. At forward, Beddow will be hooking instead of Sutherland, who will be in support together with Hewitt, and Pinkerton will be at wing forward instead of in the front row. Ridsdale is a regrettable absentee due to malaria and Whitehead is among the reserves to give Beddow his place.

CLUB CONFIDENT

Club have their strongest team on view and, possessing an average pack, an excellent hooker in Castleton, and a match-winning threequarter line, they are facing the game with justifiable confidence. Much will depend on Thomson, however, as he is up against an excellent scrum-half in May and two very fine wing forwards in Pinkerton and Duke. The youthful Club scrum-half has played some good games for Club and should emerge with credit.

Army's back division has been strengthened beyond recognition, but would have been further strengthened by the inclusion of Boe at centre threequarter, Lang at fly-half and Hook on the wing to mark Bradshaw. Richards is fit again, but will find Stewart an obstacle, both in passing and stopping.

All in all, it is likely to prove a very close game with the odds slightly in favour of Club.

The big match starts at 4 p.m. and the "A" curtain-raiser between Club "A" and Navy "A" at 2.45 p.m.

Following are the teams:

ARMY—L/Cpl. Pickett (R.E.), Lieut. Ship with (8th H.R.A.), L/Cpl. Wanklyn (R.E.), Sergt. Lang (R.A.O.C.) and L/Cpl. Richards (8th H.R.A.); Lieut. Hook (8th H.R.A.) and Lieut. May (D.L.I.); Lieut. Hewitt (4th R.), L/Cpl. Beddow (D.L.I.), Corp. Sutherland (R.S.); Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), L/Cpl. Evans (5th A.A.R.A.); Capt. Duke (U.S.); Lieut. Cuthbertson (R.S.) and Lieut. Pinkerton (R.S.).

Reserves:—Sappr. Artingstall (R.E.), L/Cpl. Boe (R.S.), Sergt. Page (5th A.A.R.A.) and L/Cpl. Whitehead (5th A.A.R.A.).

CLUB—J. R. Henderson; D. H. Stewart, J. Hutchison, M. D. Bidwell and D. I. Bonquet; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; A. F. Wanklyn, R. C. Castleton, R. E. Heasman; E. A. Bompas, C. F. Needham; B. O'M. Deane, A. J. C. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

Reserves:—F. M. Thompson (full-back), M. G. Carruthers (three-quarters), P. F. Wanklyn, A. M. Kennedy and W. B. Richardson (forwards).

Referee:—Surgeon-Commander Nicholson, R.N.

NAVY "A"—Lieutenant Bax; S.E.A. Addis, Paymaster, Lieutenant Stevens, Tel. Hall and Marine Jeffries; Major Gallacher and Midshipman O'Modhra; Cpl. Marron, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Lieut. Barlow, Flight Lieutenant Taylor, A.E. Longmuir, Lieut. W. Ferris, Paymaster Lieutenant Charles and Chief Writer King.

Reserves:—Tel. Faulkner, L.S. Jones and Lieut. Sir. Ingham.

CLUB "A"—H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen (Captain); B. A. Nelson, B. C. Fay and P. B. Wilson; G. J. Wilson and C. G. Trevelyan; M. W. Wood, F. Barford, P. F. Wanklyn; B. Hyman, A. G. Daniel; T. Swan, A. M. Kennedy and G. J. P. Carey.

Referee:—Dr. J. A. R. Selby.

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RIERTSEN BACK TO K'LOON TEAM

(By "REFEREE")

The second round of First and Third Divisions of Hong Kong Football League start to-day when three senior games, the best of which should be the game between St. Joseph's and South China "A" at Caroline Hill, will be played.

The Saints will be strengthened by the inclusion of B. Gosano in the attack and it is probable that A. V. Gosano may also turn out this afternoon. The Chinese will be without Lee Wai-long and Lau Tau-man. In the first game St. Joseph's lost by 6 goals to 2 but Lee Wai-long obtained four goals for his side, and, with the Saints strengthened, they should fully extend the champions.

Kowloon, who are in the running for the runners-up position, meet Navy at Railway ground and should win with home advantage. Riertsen will be seen in that Mainlanders' attack for the first time this season while Everest's place will be taken by Dawes.

An even game should be witnessed at Boundary Street between Royal Scots and Police with a draw the probable result.

Royal Scots, who are in camp, are unfortunate in having several players on the sick list with malaria and this has caused an all round shuffling of their three teams which at one time were doing well.

On Christmas day and Boxing day the Semi-Final rounds of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition will be played.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is to-day's soccer programme:—

First Division
Kowloon v R. Navy
(Kowloon at 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph v S. China "A"
(Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.)
Police v Royal Scots
(Boundary Road at 4.00 p.m.)
Second Division "A"
5th R.A. v Kit Che
(Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.)
8th R.A. v Eastern
(Stanley at 4.00 p.m.)
South China v 30th R.A.
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.)
Second Division "B"
*University v Engineers
(* Postponed).
Kowloon v Kwong Wah
(Kowloon at 2.30 p.m.)
R.A.F. v Police
(Boundary Road at 2.30 p.m.)
Royal Scots v Signals
(Military at 4.00 p.m.)
Third Division
R.A.S.C. v Royal Scots
(Sookunpoo at 4.00 p.m.)
R.A.M.C. v 12th R.A.
(St. Joseph at 2.30 p.m.)

A detachment of the Durham Light Infantry, at present in the Colony, will meet Kwong Wah Juniors in a friendly football game at Boundary Street to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

THREE SENIOR GAMES

(By "ADREM")

Unlike several previous Saturdays senior cricket teams will be well in evidence this afternoon, there being three matches in which First Division clubs will be engaged.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, playing at King's Park, will be all out to avenge their previous crushing defeat at the hands of Recreation. As their team, as announced, is not very strong, however, it is more than probable that Recreation, who are always 50 per cent. better on their own ground, will win once again.

Another keen game should result from the fixture at Sookunpoo, where I.R.C. entertain K.C.C. The game at Kowloon between these teams a fortnight ago ended in a draw, featured by the fine innings of E. F. Fincher, who made 79 not out, and there is likely to be a similar result to-day as neither attack appears formidable enough to get the other side out quickly enough.

Other senior game is between University and C.S.C. and although the former side have had a comparatively good season, they are unlikely to beat the well-balanced Civil Servants.

Junior matches should result in wins for Recreation, K.C.C., R.A.F. and Royal Engineers.

PROGRAMME

SENIOR
University v C. S. C. C.
I. R. C. v K. C. C.
Recreation v H. K. C. C.

JUNIOR
H. K. C. C. v Recreation
K. C. C. v I. R. C.
C. S. C. C. v R. A. F.
C. C. C. v R. E.

TEAMS

H.K.C.C. 1st XI—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, D. G. Day, A. H. Finnie, J. H. Fox, R. D. Gillespie, M. F. L. Haymes, J. L. Halsey, J. L. C. Pearce, L. T. Ride.

K.C.C. 1st XI—D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, R. T. Broadbridge, D. Hung, T. A. Madar, N. D. Lloyd, K. M. Baxter.

K.C.C. 2nd XI—W. Mulcahy, S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, G. A. Goodban, R. A. J. Simpson, C. F. Green, G. A. V. Hall, R. Baldwin, G. E. Taylor, R. A. Harding, C. Pore.

C.C.C. 2nd XI—B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, W. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. D. Lowe, T. Macleod, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Sutter.

LADIES' HOCKEY

No Ladies' League hockey games have been arranged for to-day but a combined senior and junior "Y" team will meet Central British Association on the "Y" ground at 3 p.m. C.B.A. juniors will be at home to the Argonauts at the same time.

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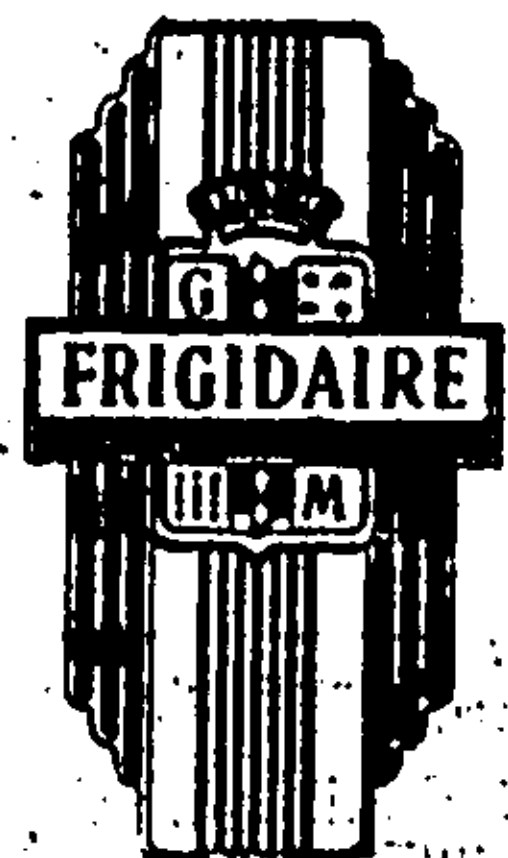
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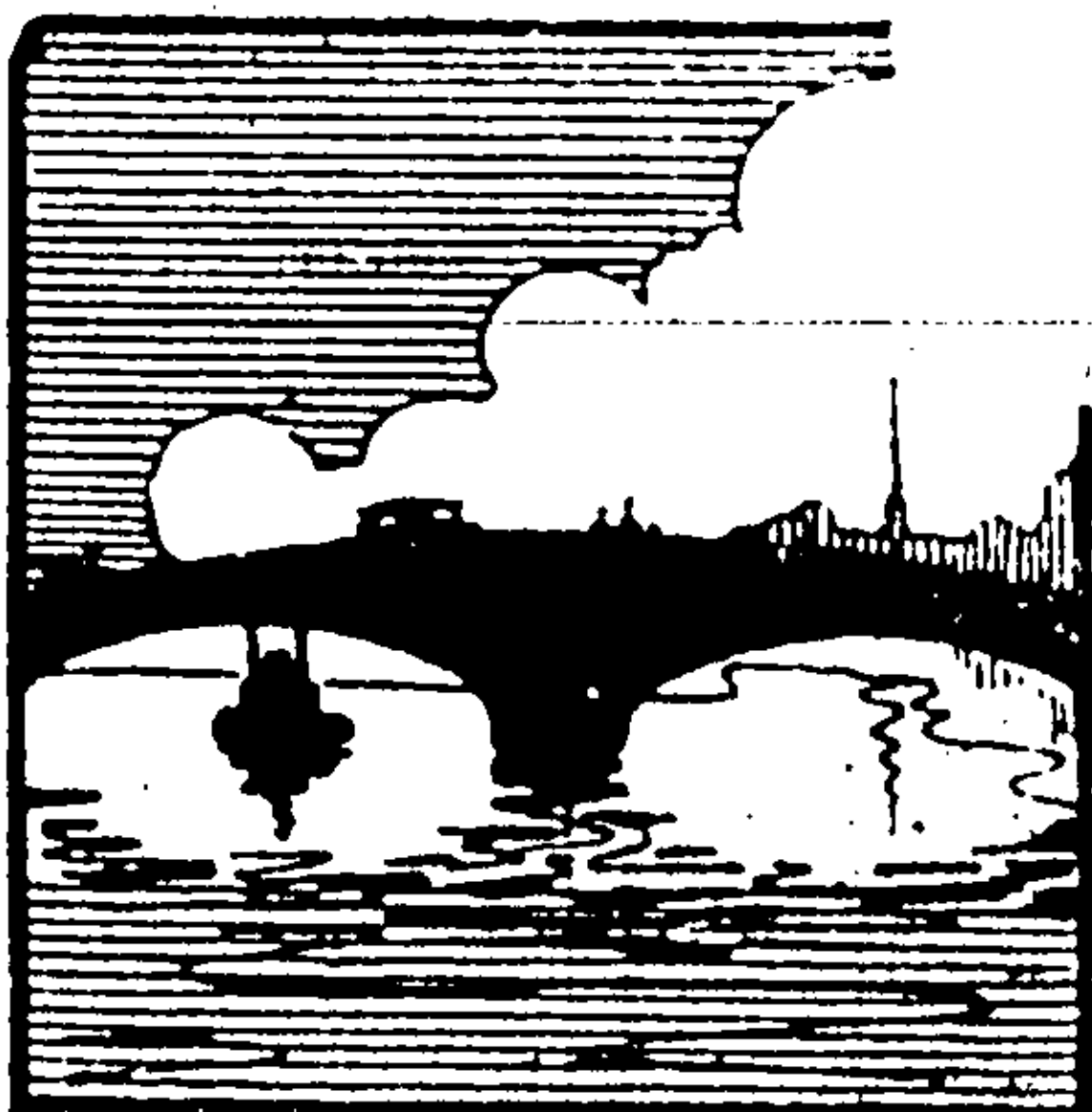
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HOW CZECH INDEPENDENCE WAS SIGNED AWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES, describing how Herr Hitler forced old Professor Emil Hacha, President of Czechoslovakia, to sign away the Czech independence are contained in the Yellow Paper issued by the French Government.

The information is based on a confidential report sent to Paris by M. Robert Coulondre, then French Ambassador to Germany.

Summoned by Herr Hitler to go to Berlin, Professor Hacha, accompanied by His Foreign Minister, M. Shvalkovski, found himself in the presence of a document drafted in its final form.

Without wasting time, Herr Hitler immediately imparted to his visitors the information that the German Army had been ordered to occupy Prague at 9 a.m. the next day, whereupon he signed the document and left the room without another word.

Left alone with three German delegates, Professor Hacha and M. Shvalkovski were, for the next 10 hours, subjected to a moral torture including a threat that 100 German bombers were ready to destroy Prague the next morning at 6 a.m. unless the document was signed.

Towards the end of the discussions Professor Hacha was on the verge of collapse.

TO SAVE PEOPLE

At 4.30 a.m., that is, 90 minutes before the deadline, Professor Hacha

decided to save his people from the horror of sudden air bombings and finally signed the fateful document.

When leaving the room M. Shvalkovski was heard to say: "Our nation will curse us but we have saved its existence and saved our people from a terrible massacre."

M. Coulondre also describes Hitler's famous mountain retreat at Obersalzberg, and suggests that it throws light on his mentality.

It is reached, he says, by a wide road nine miles long which ends in a tunnel at the foot of a mountain; the tunnel is closed by heavy bronze doors.

At the end of the tunnel is a lift, which lifts visitors 350 feet up through the mountain to Hitler's

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Helsinki, To-day.

In the Salla sector the Finnish successes continue.

It is estimated that 350 Russian planes flew over Finland yesterday.

Casualties in bombing are reported to be 16 dead and 43 wounded.

Finnish anti-aircraft guns and chaser planes brought down seven Russian planes, and five others were probably brought down.—Reuter.

Santa Monica (California),

To-day.

The Douglas Aircraft Company reveal that discussions have been started with the British Air Ministry about a possible \$44,000,000 order for new type 400 miles an hour light attack and bombing aircraft.

The machines are an improved model of the "DB 7" bombers which the Douglas Company are manufacturing for the French Air Force.—Reuter.

Montevideo, To-day.

Uruguay has rejected the German protest regarding the time limit for the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Uruguayan Note recalls the Hague Convention on the subject, and refers to the report of Uruguayan experts expressing the view that 72 hours was sufficient time to effect repairs.—Reuter.

mountain retreat, which is a squat building of great size. The retreat is guarded by a large number of machine-gun nests.

Is this retreat a multi-millionaire's fancy or a den where brigands take their rest among their accumulated treasures? asks M. Coulondre. Is it the work of a man obsessed for solitude or the work of a man who is a prey to fear? —Havas.

DEATH

WONG.—At her Residence 16, Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, Mrs. James N. Wong, (Winnie) early this morning at the age of 40 years. The Coroner will start from the Residence at 3 p.m. to-morrow for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Kowloon.

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